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South Africa Beat Australia

Editorial

Years ago Australia's international teams were renowned for their physical and robust approach to the World Game. Their skills and tactical levels were well behind those of Brazil and Holland.

This lack of adequate skills has been addressed through the expansion of coaching of coaches and the entry of these people into junior sport. We are gradually seeing the fruits of these endeavours right through the various levels of the game.

As recently as the 1980's, children as young as six were put on the field to play the game on full size pitches which are anything up to 100 by 50 metres. The goals in imperial measurement 24 foot by 8 foot.

It was almost a miracle if any player actually managed to score a goal but tiny tots were dwarfed by the goalposts and crossbar. Running from even the half way line was exhausting, and with a ball - wow!

Added to which was the unnecessary pressure of parents and trophy hunting, so called, 'coaches' often bellowing at these very young children. Many on the sidelines were amazed that their child wasn't doing the same as the big boys, as seen on TV mainly from overseas.

Thankfully those scenes are fading, they can't disappear soon enough. They were a blight on this great game.

Now the structure exists for coaches of even the youngest teams to be given training to assist them in their responsibility to the newcomers of association football.

However, it is another matter to get these coaches to be able to teach skills. Also 'skills' have to be defined. We talk about them but just what is meant by that one small word with the big meaning.

Roo ball is an innovation in Australia. For those of you who have no involvement with this form of the game, it is probably a mystery.

Essentially it is for players up to and including Under 8s. The basic idea is for all players to be involved on small pitches with reduced sized goals. There are less players on the pitch. Points and tables are not kept. It should be fun for all.

Now the situation of a child being told by the coach, "Stay in that position, do not move," is gone. In one incident a player given that instruction stuck rigidly to the command. At the end of the game he had scuffed a hole big enough to get both feet well in which took four shovels of dirt and a piece of turf to repair!

Probably the most important coach that a player has is the one for the three or four years after Roo ball.

That is the teacher of skills. But do they exist? We ask the question over and over. "Why do so many drop out of soccer at age 14 to 17?"

Could it be that those with the ability to completely control the ball with their head, chest, thigh, knee and with the left, he right, the top, the bottom of each foot make the others less completely useless. So much so that the latter are unable to face them or play with them for fear of humiliation?

Could this be the answer to the much asked question of massive drop out?

Are the club coaches only the best people for the task of teaching these skills? They may have attended a series of courses, studied coaching notes, been doing the job for some time but can they actually teach?

Could it be that we are raising the mark by not being more active in schools with coaching? That is where trained teachers are.

— Bob Brooks

In the second match for Australia in the Simba Cup the host country, South Africa were their opponents.

This time the Aussies were unable to repeat the exciting form they displayed against Ghana.

Popovic was cautioned by referee Suleiman Gharib for handball early in the game and was then sent off for dissent after allegedly arguing about a heavy challenge on Paul Trimboli.

"Trimboli was caught from behind and the referee said he was booking Popovic for foul language, but he wasn't even near the scene of the action," Blanco said.

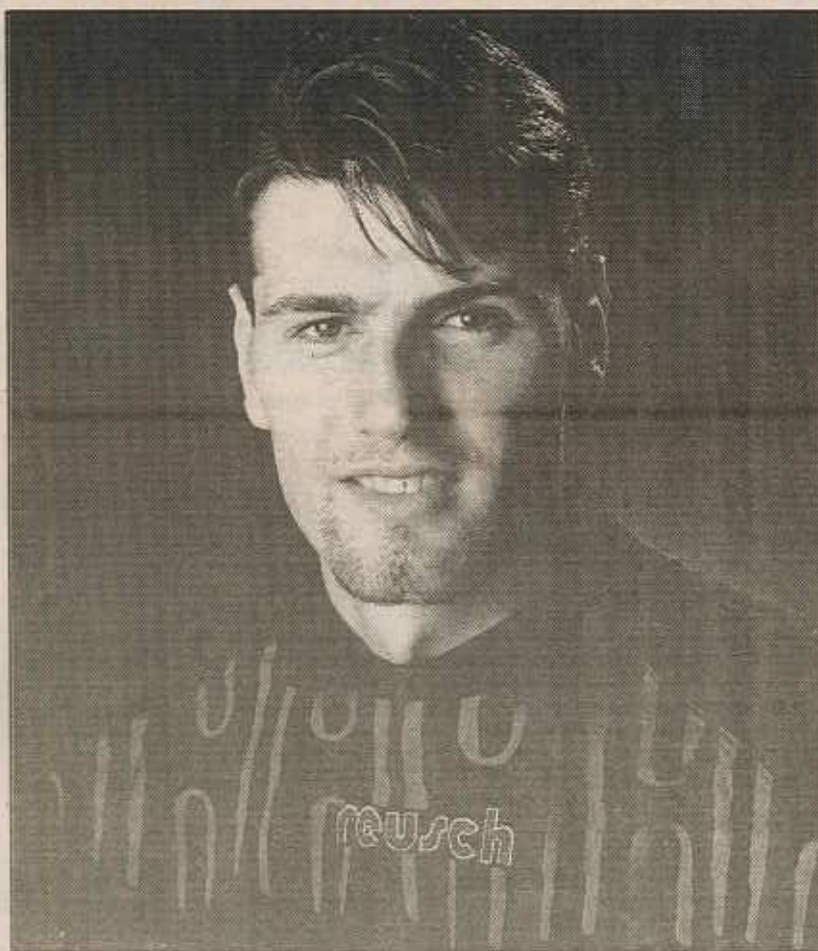
"We felt it was a very harsh decision."

More than 30,000 fans got the start they wanted when John 'Shoes' Moshoeu put South Africa in the driving seat with an opportunist strike after 12 minutes.

The Socceroos had to reshuffle their line-up to compensate for Popovic and drafted Andrew Marth into the heart of the defence.

Blanco said they eventually clawed back some ground and Trimboli went close with several shots.

Damian Mori had an attempt saved by the legs of South African goalkeeper



Zeljko Kalac: Kept Australia in touch with a string of fine saves.

Andre Arendse and Trimboli had a shot cleared off the line as the Socceroos refused to yield.

The lack of preparation and playing with 10 men against a quality side eventually took its toll and Australia was forced onto the back foot by the gifted South Africans.

Zeljko Kalac had to pull off a string of saves to keep Australia in the game but was beaten again this time by Mark Williams with 18 minutes to play.

"It was a solid all round performance against the African champions, they were the better team in the end," Blanco said.

"They are going to be a force to be reckoned with, they have already drawn with Argentina and Germany."

The victory consolidates South Africa as favourite to win the four nation series because it only needs to snare a draw against Ghana on Saturday to win the series.

Australia must win its final game in the double header against Kenya by a good score to have any hope of claiming ultimate victory, which carries \$A126,740 in prize money.

South Africa then needs to fold to Ghana at the Loftus Versfeld stadium in Pretoria to give Australia top place.

AUSTRALIA SCORE WELL

Australia completed their four nations cup program by outclassing Kenya 4-0 at Loftus Versfeld on Saturday.

Victory took them temporarily to the top of the standings on goal difference from South Africa, who faced Ghana later in the final match of the mini-league tournament.

It was a dismal night for Kenya, who suffered their biggest defeat in the Cup and had coach Vojko Garsesovic and defender Tom Juma sent off during the second half.

Yugoslav Garsesovic was dismissed for dissent after Australia scored their third goal and Juma received a red card from South African

referee Ian McLeod for a second bookable offence.

Australia, showing six changes from the team beaten by South Africa in midweek, gave a first cap to forward Kris Trajanovski from Sydney Olympic. They took control from the kickoff and stick passing carved frequent gaps in the Kenyan defence.

The pressure paid off after 32 minutes when Alistair Edwards crossed from the left and Polak headed into the roof of the net.

Veteran defender Tobin set up the second goal five minutes later with a massive clearance and Spink held off two defenders before scoring with a right-foot shot from close range.

Substitute Mori made it 3-0

after 63 minutes after racing on to an angled through ball and unleashing a left-foot drive which flew past Ottomax at the near post.

Tobin completed the rout with 12 minutes left when he slotted home a penalty kick awarded for a foul on Paul Trimboli.

South Africa won the Simba Cup and about \$65,000 by holding Ghana to a 0-0 draw.

SECOND PRIZE BIG DOLLARS

Australia took home almost \$60,000 for finishing second and being the highest aggregate goal scorers.

TEAMS

Australia: Petkovic, Ivanovic, Tobin, Hooker, Marth, Foster, Edwards, Lozanovski, Polak (Tapai 46), Spink (Trimboli 75), Trajanovski (Mori 56).

Kenya: Ottomax, Juma, Oduor, Otiemo, Ochieng, Ogi, Angham, A Ollumbo, T Odhiambo (Blegen 71), Lwanga, Sketh.

Referee: I McLeod (South Africa).



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AWARITEFE DUMPS YOUNG BREAKERS

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Marconi's powerful striker Francis Awaritefe's first half brace of goals greatly assisted in sending John Kosmina's very young and inexperienced Newcastle Breakers crashing to a 3-1 defeat in the quarter-finals of the Johnnie Walker Cup last Friday night on a rainy pitch at Marconi Stadium.

An in form Awaritefe ripped the heart out of the gallant young Novocastrians as he hungrily smashed into the target in the 24th and 38th minutes. The ace marksman headed midfielder Brendan Renaud's cross from the left for his first, then exploded from 25 metres a left footed volley after meeting a perfect Luke Casserly cross from the opposite flank for his second scalp.

Casserly rocked Newcastle's horizontal from 20 metres in the 14th minute but nine minutes later ironically Newcastle could have opened up the innings. Central midfielder Troy Halpin intercepted a Casserly back-pass but from point blank range horrifically sliced wide of the target.

Two minutes before the break Marconi trebled the scoreline when industrious

midfielder Brad Maloney bulged the Newcastle net with a sensational 25 metre side-volley.

The resilient Breakers defiantly hit back in the second session with some tenacious tackling that not only kept Marconi mute but also earned them a very well deserved goal.

In the 76th minute a cross from the left was volleyed well on target by Newcastle's intelligent linkman David Lowe. 'Lowie' was denied a goal by the electric reflexes of giant 'keeper Bobby Catlin. Former New Zealand World Cup captain Robbie Ironside rushed in to bury the rebound into the target.

Newcastle's midfield quintet of Glenn Sprod, Ironside, Troy Halpin, Lowe and Evis Heath worked tirelessly denying Marconi space whilst twin-markers Todd McManus and Nat Austin well welded by lateral defender Glenn Moore, neutralised Marconi's strike-force.

Marconi's Atlanta Olympic's right wing-back Casserly, easily stood out as Man of the Match with his fierce tackling, piercing raids up the flank and lethal crosses.



Francis Awaritefe: His brace of goals broke the young Breakers.

Marconi's tough coach Manfred Schaefer calmly took victory in his stride stating, "Hitting the front strongly in the first half we allowed the intensity to lapse in the second session, but overall I was happy despite the fact that we went to sleep for 20 minutes in the second half to make us look very ordinary."

"I still have Longo, Zorich, Foster and Hristodoulou to come into the side for us to compete much more for possession."

A philosophical Breakers' boss, John Kosmina, later lamented, "We were so shell-shocked in the first session that we gave away two goals just by ball-watching. For the

second we just sat back and watched the free-kick come over but we were still a bit tired from Wednesday night's match."

"I believe that we worked very hard in the second half to keep them scoreless and we do have some good young kids. Lowie still has the brains for good football and my two young markers Todd McManus and Nat Austin did very well at the back. But we badly need more games for all of them to adjust to the much greater pace of NSL football."

"We had two or three chances in the first half and big Robbie Ironside did very well for us in the midfield."

MARCONI: Catlin: Souris, Holst, Stanton: Casserly (Babic 70), Bingley, Ravello, Maloney, Renaud (De Marigny 64): Harper, Awaritefe.

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS: Baker: Austin, McManus, Moore: Sprod, Ironside, Halpin (Sharpley 80), Wilson (Heath 46): Eldridge (McGuire 68), Lowe, James.

Scorers: Marconi: Awaritefe (24,38), Maloney (43). Breakers: Ironside (76).

Referee: G. Levertton.

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Waratah Cup Final

Sydney United 2 Parramatta Eagles 1 AET

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Sydney United had to struggle and survive a torrid first half assault by a defiant Parramatta Eagles before they could reach out and grab their second consecutive Waratah Cup and collect the prize of \$50,000 last Sunday at the Croatian Sports Centre.

With the scoreline deadlocked at 1-1 after 90 minutes, United snatched the cash and the Cup through a "Golden Goal" scored by their superbly talented striker Ante Milicic in the second part of extra time after substitute Ante Deur fired in a perfect through-ball into the Eagles' box.

The Eagles flew to an early 12 minute lead when robust striker, and skipper, Geoff Gunning strongly crossed from the left for right midfielder David Harding to volley into the target from just eight metres.

One minute before the break Parramatta in fact had the golden chance to kill off United when striker Malcolm Meilak raced into United's box with goal keeper Peter Blazincic racing off his line. Despite that Meilak got the last touch, as the ball rolled agonisingly goalwards, United's alert 19 year old lateral defender Dean Culina, swung around and raced back

in cover to clear the ball centimetres from the goal line.

Six minutes after the break United's left midfielder Chad Gibson fired a pass to David Zdrilic, but his blast although well on target was magnificently blocked by the Eagles' goal keeper Jason Holmes, and four minutes later Zdrilic was involved again when he cut back a ball to Milicic but steady centre back David Huxley robbed United of possession.

The second half was all United as the midfield of Jacob Burns, Robbie Enes, Paul Bilokapic, Gibson and 16 year old substitute Jason Culina industriously rolled up their sleeves and gradually

wore down their opponents with pressured tackling, good through balls plus switch play. At the same time giant centre back and skipper, effervescent Velimir Kupresak, became more and more involved by pushing into the midfield battle.

Milicic in the 57th again fired on target, but again was denied joy by Holmes as the Eagles by now were starting to buckle under the fury and superior experience of the Cup holders.

Seven minutes from normal time play maker Enes back-heeled (Zico-style) to Milicic who elegantly waltzed through the Eagles defence to nail the target and the

lifesaving equaliser.

With the score line still deadlocked at the 90 minute mark, extra time was ordered and eight minutes into this period the lethal Kupresak almost scored with a rocketing 30 metre free kick. But a diving Holmes again saved the Eagles. A minute later Enes skied over the cross bar from close range and a sharp angle as Parramatta desperately hung on until Milicic's Golden Goal finally broke the deadlock to give United their well deserved second Cup in as many years.

After the match an obviously disappointed Eagles' coach, Washington Gonzalez managed a smile,

stating, "Congratulations to Sydney United, they played very well, but we demonstrated again that we play well enough to be in the NSL. We have young players who came from a different level to what they're used to and having to play now against an NSL high standard side like United. We created very clear goal chances and in the first session we produced far more than they did."

A humble victorious United coach Branko Culina reflected, "They dominated the midfield in the first half and credit goes to Parramatta's coach, Washington Gonzalez as his players never gave up. Had we

not cleared that almost certain goal off the line in the first half we could easily have gone down 2-0, but after we finally equalised I became more confident that we would last the distance and take the Cup."

Kupresak was magnificent as were the two Culina teenage brothers (sweeper Dean and 16 year old left midfielder Jason) while Enes, Zdrilic and Milicic proved to be constant thorns to Parramatta's side. The Eagles were best served by Holmes, right back Sasha Utjesenovic, twin-centre backs Huxley and Mark Reveley, right midfielder Harding, and twin strikers Meilak and Gunning.



Sydney United: The victorious squad, after receiving the Cup for their win over Parramatta Eagles.



Dean Culina (19) (L) and brother Jason (16) playing in winning team.



Velimir Kupresak holding the Waratah Cup with proud coach Branko Culina and two goal hero Ante Milicic.

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SYDNEY UNITED: Blazincic; Kupresak, Vrkic, D. Culina; Burns (Deur 68), Zdrilic, Enes, Bilokapic, Gibson; Markovac (J. Culina 37), Milicic.

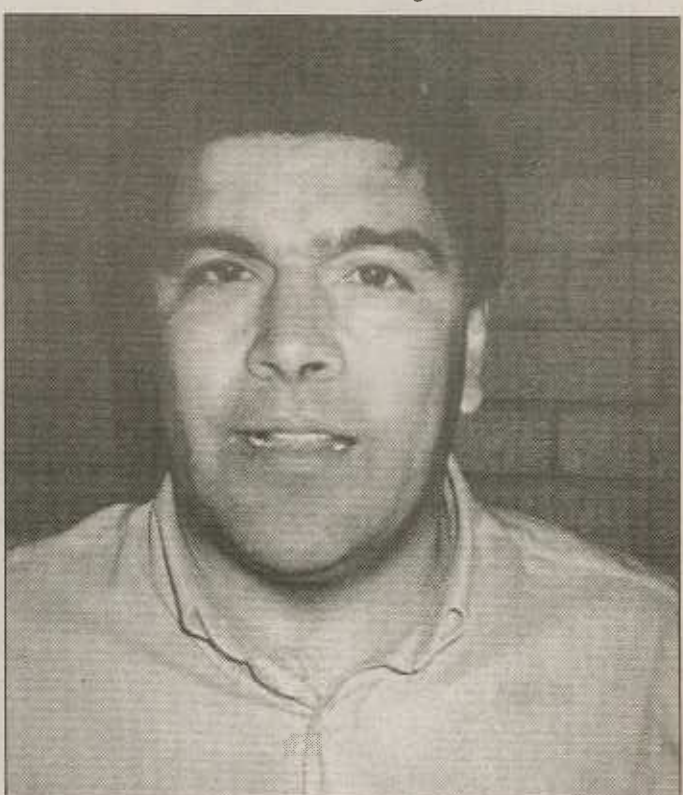
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PARRAMATTA EAGLES: Holmes; Utjesenovic, Huxley, Reveley, Danaskos (Giesen 95); Harding, Ortiz, Jurilj; Meilak, Surjan, Gunning.

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SCORERS: United Milicic (83, 107). Eagles: Harding (12).

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YELLOW CARDS: United: Milicic (5), Vrkic (60). Eagles: Burns (16), Huxley (45), Utjesenovic (58), Meilak (91).

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Washington Gonzalez: Well respected coach of Parramatta Eagles who has taken his team to great heights in 1996.

Johnnie Walker Cup Statistics for the Record

Adelaide City: Breadon, Armour, Yates, Brooks, Graziano, Pirone(Mennillo 69), Brazzale, Gibson, Vershoor, Salapasidis, Saraceno.

West Adelaide: Wildy, Thorp, Slager, Alagich, Castro, Milosevic(Cuttillo 15), Ndongo Keller, Kokkinopitis, Tsekinis, Day, Antoniou.

Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Lonsdale, Hunter D, Lombardo, Starr, Mengotti(Matula 77), Allen(Brown A 66), Meacock(Cahut 73), Huth, Dellarocca, Tuck.

Brisbane Strikers: Bolton, Hunter A, Phillips, Farina(Tollenaere 70), Brown R, Wright, Cranney T, Cranney S, Brayshaw(Wehrman 76), Gwynne(Bell 58), Battistin.

Melbourne Knights: Knezevic, Nasteviski (Markovski J 21), De Amicis, Cervinski D, Markovski Z, Marth, Kovacevic (Lapsanski 21), Simunic, Pondeljak T, Kutlesovsky, Vojtek.

Canberra Cosmos: Milosevic D, Wilson, Watson, Rogic, Garcia (Baxter 78), Kelly, Armstrong, Lemezina, Buljan, Koch, Milin.

Referee: C Diomis.
Scorers: Knights- Pondeljak(65), Markovski J(85)
Cosmos- Armstrong(61)

Collingwood Warriors: Anastasiadis, Joleviski, Talladira, Taliadoros, Cattalano, Cerracchio, Spasevski(Tsoumerkass), Mehechella, Sonsini, Babic V, Diorio.

South Australian Reds: Bauer, Piotrowski, Simmons, Higgins, Dobson(Balbaro), Miller(Rodriguez), Karadic, Berghetto, Maxwell, Artone(Scalzi), Misailidis.

Referee: W Dade.
Scorer: Reds- Maxwell(17)
NNSW: Oberhauser, Hudson, Tredinnick, Cresswall, Maier, Jonas, Naumou, Howard, Lane, Tressider(Bailey 61), Gordon(Richards 75).

Newcastle Breakers: Baker, Pryce, Sprod, Ironside, Lowe, Halpin, Wilson(McGuire 75), Austin, James(Elridge 61), Bennett(Heath 75), McManus.

Referee: G Levertton.
Scorers: NNSW- Tredinnick(56)
Breakers- Bennet(3, 70), Ironside(56), Sprod(75), Elridge(81), Heath(83, 89)

South Melbourne: Petkovic M, Peterson,

Kuzmanovic, Blatsis, Polak, Panopoulos, Damianos(Clarkson 46), Efsthathiou(Anthopoulos 19), Trimboli, Coveny(Curcija 62), Spink.

Falcons: Kourtis, Stergiopoulos, Mangos, Douglas, Foy(Geri 52), Palambas, Krncevic, Duric, Villani, Hastic, Bell.

Referee: G Connolly.
Scorers: South- Spink(22) Falcons- Krncevic(20), Villani(34)

UTS Olympic: Bohoutsos, Barret, Ciantar, Zelic, Tsekinis, Refenes(Ardone 46), Patikas(Augerinos 68), Meredith, Tome, Baillie(Rastall 83), Sorras.

Sydney United: Blazincic, Culina D, Bilokapic, Kupresak, Rudan(Culina J 78), Vrkic, Moric, Enes(Markovac 62), Gibson C, Zdrilic, Milicic.

Referee: B Hugo
Scorer: Olympic- Tome(77)
Wollongong City: Hughes, Lloyd, Karlamis, Petratos, Bourke, Horsley, Seven(Haniotis G 68), Naumovski(Deda), Perinich(Joskeski 55), Dimoski, Connolly.

Marconi Fairfield: Catlin, Souris, De Marigny, Stanton, Bingley, Ravello, Harper(Babic S 62), Foster,

Awaritefe, Maloney(Zoric 73), Renaud(Holst 83).
Referee: S Micallef
Scorer: Marconi- Ravello(78)

UTS Olympic: Bouhoutsos, Barrett, Ciantar, Zelic, Tsekinis, Tome(Ardone 75), Meredith(Bove 80), Baillie, Emerton, Gonzalez(Augerinos 46), Sorras.

Sydney United: Perosh, Culina J, Kupresak, Rudan, Vrkic, Moric(Maric 17), Bilokapic, Milicic, Zdrilic, Markovac(Dour 68), Gibson C.

Referee: S Micallef
Scorers: Olympic- Tome(65)
Melbourne Knights: Knezevic, Nasteviski, De Amicis, Cervinski D, Markovski Z, Lapsansky(Bacak 81), Silic(Deak 60), Simunic, Pondeljak T, Kutlesovsky(Markovski J 71), Vojtek.

Canberra Cosmos: Milosevic D, Watson, Rogic, Garcia, Kelly, Armstrong, Koch, Wilson, Milin, Grella, Angelovski(Buljan 55).

Referee: G Connolly
Scorers: Knights- Pondeljak(57), Markovski J(72 pen) Cosmos- Kelly(90 pen).

First Round

		First Leg	Second Leg
Adelaide City	West Adelaide	0-0	1-0
Brisbane Strikers	Brisbane Lions	0-1	2-0
Canberra Cosmos	Melbourne Knights	1-2	1-2
Collingwood Warriors	South Australia Reds	0-1	2-1
NNSW	Newcastle Breakers	1-7	1-5
South Melbourne	Gippsland Falcons	1-2	3-0
UTS Olympic	Sydney United	1-0	1-0
Wollongong City	Marconi	0-1	1-3

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Brisbane Lions: Farrow, Lonsdale, Lombardo, Starr, Cahut(Pudja 72), Mengotti(Matula 87), Allen, Meacock, Huth, Dellarocca(Brown A 98), Tuck.

Referee: M shield
Scorers: Strikers- Brown R(27), Hunter A(111)

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"BUILDING TOWARDS NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE STATUS ONCE AGAIN"

Breakers storm through

Newcastle Breakers secured an easy 5-1 victory over Northern New South Wales Lions in their Johnnie Walker Cup first round second leg game for a resounding 12-2 aggregate triumph at Breakers Stadium.

The Breakers continued where they left off following the first leg 7-1 hammering and didn't have to wait long to start another goal avalanche, scoring after 12 minutes.

A Shane Pryce shot from 25 metres was only parried by the diving Dean Conway in the Lions' goal and Troy Halpin sidefooted home the rebound.

Goalkeeper Adam Fittock kept the Breakers in front 15 minutes in saving at close range from Ben Lane.

The Lions scored a shock equaliser on 18 minutes when Wayne Bailey rose to head home an inswinging Bobby Naumov corner at the near post.

Fittock was forced to go full length to tip a 20 metre Anthony Richards shot around the post in the 26th minute and was under pressure again from the resultant corner, the ball being deflected onto and over the bar for another corner.

a fine goal on the stroke of half time.

A well worked free kick was driven home hard and low past Conway's right hand by Halpin.

The game was beginning to fizzle out in the second half until Lions central defender Mark Jones was sent off by referee Matthew Breeze for an off-the-ball elbowing incident.

With the big aggregate lead and an extra man advantage, the Breakers proceeded to rip a disappointing Northern representative team apart.

Robbie Ironside made it 3-1 in the 69th minute, sidefooting home after a Glenn Sprod corner had been flicked on to him.

David Lowe scored the Breakers' fourth five minutes later.

Young substitute Evis Heath made up huge amounts of ground at the far post to knock a Sprod cross-ball back across goal for Lowe to fire home left-footed from 12 metres out.

Trialist striker Liam McGuire rounded off the scoring in the 85th minute, turning the ball over the line from Ironside's cross to make it 5-1 on the night, underlining the huge gulf between the National League and the Northern Federation first division competition.

GOLDEN GOAL FOR COLLINGWOOD

A golden goal by Collingwood captain Kimon Taliadoros in the first minute of extra time handed the Warriors a 2-1 aggregate win over South Australia last Wednesday and a place in the Johnnie Walker Cup quarter-finals.

Collingwood lost the first leg 1-0 but levelled the scores on aggregate when Vladimir Babic scored after 18 minutes.

The deadlock could not be broken in normal time, but was settled just 26 seconds into extra time when Taliadoros scored the all-important golden goal with a dramatic header.

The final twist to the game came just minutes after a hail storm forced the players from the field for two minutes.

Collingwood fielded a far stronger team than in the first clash.

Winger Con Boutsianis, attacking midfielder Andy Vlahos and striker Vladimir Babic were notable inclusions after previously being unavailable when they played in Heidelberg's losing Victorian Premier League Grand Final team.

All three added sparks to the Collingwood team that dominated the South Australians in the first half.



Kimon Taliadoros: Scored a golden beauty for his new club.

GIBSON SCORES RARE HEADER

A first half goal from acting captain John Gibson was enough to give Adelaide City a win over arch rival West Adelaide last Wednesday and move City into the quarter finals of the Johnnie Walker Cup.

John Gibson scored the Zebras' winner with a header in the 37th minute, condemning the Sharks to practice matches before the beginning of the regular season.



John Gibson: Headed the Zebras winner.

However, the Breakers went to the break in front with

PUREST FORM IS O.K.

Dear Sir,

An issue that has worried me greatly and I would like to share with all traditional soccer lovers is the American influence that is starting to take over in Europe.

During part of last June and July we were in Europe and Dutch players who were interviewed were using terms such as "assists" and "turnovers" in their vocabulary. As they were speaking in Dutch they were using these English words in their speech! Optus has an Irishman and an American as their commentators (as well as Mike Hill) and even the Irishman pronounces words like "defence" the American way.

O.K. you may think So what, it is so trivial. However it may lead to worse things in future. Obviously there is a large audience in the U.S. and they have been influential on a lot of aspects. Clothing, music, food and films to name but a few, especially, it seems, to our youngsters the influence is having such impact. Food-wise I have my worries.

Well as a traditional soccer lover I already have to

put up with the word "soccer" let alone the changes the Americans wanted to make. Bigger goals, no offside, or no offside up to 30 yards from the goal, kick-ins instead of throw-ins. Games that are 0-0 or 1-1 may just be exciting because often both teams are too good. A game with the score 3-0, if you look at it closely could have all 3 goals in a space of 5 minutes. It is all relative. Most people like the game the way it is. Or am I wrong and just a traditionalist? Let's keep some traditional values in a future that is becoming increasingly technological.

People all over the world actually visit England because of traditional festivities such as a coronation, royal weddings and trooping of the colour. Imagine if that too disappeared! Let's keep football in its purest form and no "third umpire with TV" please. We have coped for more than 100 years. It is a pity that winning is everything now in sport but, let's not hand the game to the Americans or life won't be worth living anymore!

G. Van Duuren,
Westmead, NSW.

JOE MARSTON SOCCER ICON

Dear sir,

Recently enquiries were made about Australia's first acknowledged world class soccer player Joe Marston on reference to a football museum being established by Joe's former English club Preston N.E. Long ago when JM played for Preston they were one of England's leading clubs and he was one of their star players. So good in fact it was widely accepted he would have represented England (they had a good team then) if not for his Australian nationality. Joe Marston born in Sydney, began his career with the old Leichhardt club in 1943 at the age of 16.

In the fifties he played with Preston in England with great distinction. He returned to Sydney not long before the ethnic takeover of Sydney soccer. When the Leichhardt club folded he joined the Italian APLA club where he played for many years until retirement.

Joe Marston's soccer career both here and England

was unique. It coincided with great upheaval and change in soccer both here in Australia and overseas. As far as I am aware of Joe Marston has not recorded his recollections on his career or soccer in general both in the past and today. Joe Marston is an Australian soccer ICON (one of the few) and another unsung Australian sporting hero who never got proper recognition because he played a minor non mainstream (in Australia) sport. His career spanned some very interesting and turbulent times in OZ soccer. If something is not done soon to properly detail his career and recollections then the only record of his career will be the limited version in the Preston Football museum in Northern England. Is that the best a soccer ICON and fine Australian can expect as an enduring memory. Come on if Paul Wade's career is worth a book then Joe Marston's must be worth a volume of books.

R Melor
Bondi, NSW.

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ARE THEY TOTALLY BANANAS?

Dear Sir,

Is Soccer Australia totally bananas? I stare in amazement at the front cover of your paper displaying the "reformed" Marconi logo.

What on earth is this abomination?

Soccer Australia has capitulated on the logo issue in a way not seen since Paul Keating backflipped on the issue of a consumption tax.

As a neutral "Australian" observer, I think I must have completely missed the picture. Wasn't the debate about eliminating ethnic references from the club names and logos?

Maybe there was a printing error- but I am sure the background colours are red, white and green. I thought the Marconi colours were blue and white. Surely red, white and green represent the Italian national flag?

Isn't that what we were trying to avoid in the first place?

An even bigger joke is the "reformed" Melbourne Knights logo. Who are you trying to kid?

The red and white checks of the Croatian flag are still present. Who is the clown that came up with the idea of laying the checks on their sides?

I tell you- everyone, including me (a passionate soccer supporter) is laughing. This whole issue has been an absolute disgrace on the part of the clubs. I urge Soccer Australia to

be stronger and stand up to the likes of Marconi, Melbourne Knights and Sydney United. There's no place for their pedantic ethnic rantings in the Australian league.

Similarly, will South Melbourne Lakers get rid of the disgraceful SMH printed on their stadium seats. Lakers does begin with an H- so what does this represent if it isn't Hellas? South Melbourne has led the way in embracing a new name and logo- why not go all the way?

In addition, how UTS Olympic has managed to keep their name is another disgrace. The Olympic name and logo is directly derived from Greece and should be eliminated from the league. This is one more example of the inexcusably blatant favouritism that exists for Olympic in the A- League. Was the clown who linked UTS Olympic to the Sydney 2000 Olympics the same clown who approved Marconi and Melbourne Knights logos?

Please, Soccer Australia, on behalf of ALL soccer supporters, get real on ridding our league of ethnic references, however slight or implied. Who knows- in the future we won't be changing Soccer Australia's name to the Australian Football Association, but to Wogball Australia. Grow up and get out of the schoolyard!

Tony Ising
Elwood, Victoria.

'MARRIAGES' GOOD FOR ALL

Dear Sir,

It's good to see and hear that the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs have taken on UTS Olympic Soccer Team as a summer tenant at Belmore Sports Ground. If Canterbury can buy equity in the Soccer Club and form a partnership or marriage, then they should go the whole hog, and get the Soccer Team to change it's name to Sydney Olympic Bulldogs or Canterbury Olympic Bulldogs, by dropping the UTS, part of the name whatever it stands for. They could also use the

blue and white guernsey's similar style to the League team. I can see Quayle and Arthurson having heart palpitations, and choking on their corn flakes with these ideas, saying it would infringe on their intellectual property rights. But if I was the Bulldog's CEO, Bob Hagan I would stand up to them, just like John Elliott did in Melbourne with the AFL, and he won. That way Soccer will progress in this country and League will benefit also by getting rent money for shared use of the ground. If SA can

get Manly or Norths to sponsor a Soccer team on the north side and play at Brookvale Oval and Parramatta can get either Marconi or Sydney United to play at Parramatta Stadium with the necessary changes to their team's name and guernseys and so on then with Collingwood and then Carlton to join in Melbourne you will broaden the viewing public for sure and become successful eventually in the long term.

Dominic Scullino,
Helensvale, QLD.

FARINA BOYS KNOCK OLYMPIC OUT OF CUP

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Brisbane Strikers with a scintillating display of hungry, mobile and aggressive soccer, knocked out a lethargic UTS Olympic 3-1 out of the quarter finals of the Johnnie Walker Cup last Saturday night at Marconi Stadium.

The Queenslanders scored all their three goals in the first session to have the Sydney giants reeling on the ropes.

Lanky central marker, Mark Battistin opened the score with a leaning overhead scissors kick a long ball into the box from the right in the 22nd minute.

Despite Olympic playing with a back line of five the Queenslanders found it very easy to shred them apart and sixteen minutes later doubled the score line when veteran striker Rod Brown scored with a long range glancing header following a corner from the right.

Five minutes before the break Farina's well organised outfit scored their third when experienced midfielder Gary Phillips blasted from the edge of the box as fellow midfielder Andrew Brayshaw deflected into the net.

Olympic in the 74th minute scored a consolation goal when a Brett Emerton cross

from the right was flicked into the net by left back Ivan Zelic.

Half time positional changes made to rectify Olympic's fragile defence included swinging midfielder Peter Tsekenis to sweeper, pushing out Zelic to left back, bringing on George Sorras to right back and switching defender Scott Baillie into the strike line.

"The Johnnie Walker Man of the Match" was easily Brisbane's 19 year old, South African-born striker, Wayne Knipe, formerly from Queensland's State League side, North Star.

The youngster left Australia yesterday with the National

Youth squad that is touring South America.

Strikers coach, Farina stated to ABSW, "We took three chances but could have had another two or three in the first session and in the second half even though we dropped off our hunger we still could have scored another two or three."

A very disappointed Olympic coach, David Radcliffe commented, "I was very disappointed with our passing which was very poor and our marking which was even poorer. Stupid as it may seem I felt we had a few chances in the second half to have made it interesting."

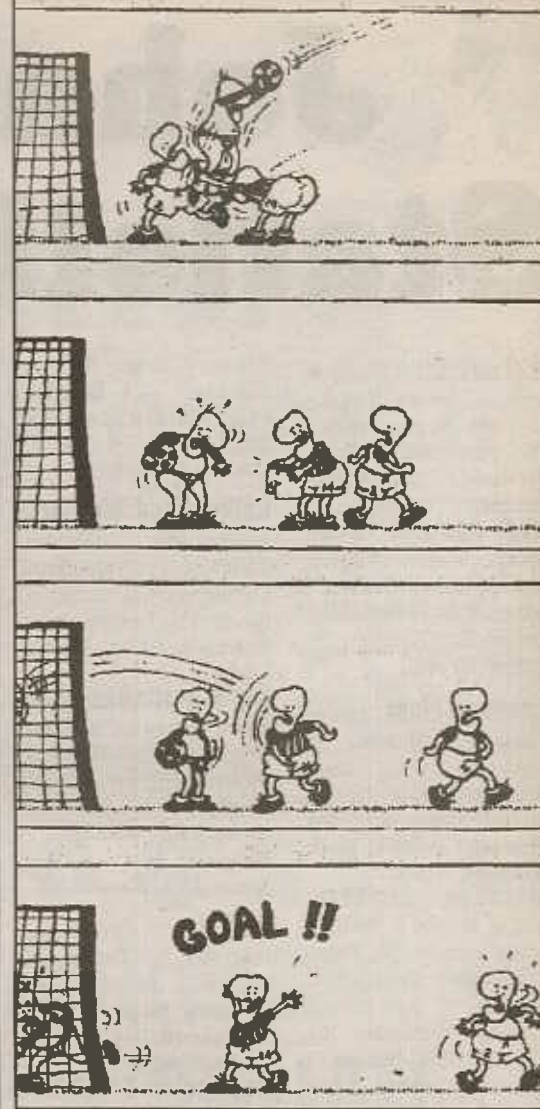
UTS Olympic: Bouhoutos; Baillie, Ciantar, Barrett, Zelic, Augerinos (Sourras 46); Ardene, Tsekenis, Meredith (Refenes 53); Emerton, Tome.

Brisbane Strikers: Bolton; Wearman, Battistin, Hunter, Gwynne, Harris (Tollenaere 73); T. Cranney, Phillips, Brayshaw (Hews 70); Brown, Knipe.

Scorers: Olympic: Zelic (74). Strikers: Battistin (22), Brown (38) and Brayshaw (40).

Yellow cards: Olympic: Tsekenis (14). Strikers: Brayshaw (35).

Referee: S Micallef.



Eddie to Asia?

Dear Sir,

Re your report that our National Coach, Eddie Thomson is moving to Asia is great news for Eddie (cashwise) and Australia.

The Asians need to be taught the 1960-70's British style of football which prevented England from having to go to all the trouble of attending World Cup Finals for many years.

They also need to be taught how to defend a 2-0 advantage (as per Olympics) and turn it into a loss.

Once the Japanese players learn the long-ball and run technique, our players can use their skills to give them heaps of trouble. Thanks, Eddie. We need your style in Asia.

George Green,
Alstonville, NSW.



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OLYMPIC'S WEDDING WITH THE BULLDOGS

By John Economos

UTS OLYMPIC last week attended a 'wedding', (its very own, that included an icing-panelled wedding cake), when it became the very first Soccer club in the Ericsson League to form a firm bond with a Rugby League Club.

After many years of much scepticism, Olympic finally decided for many reasons, (both strategic and economic), to change its home-ground of recent years and move from Leichhardt Oval across to the Canterbury area to set up its base at the superbly and recently upgraded Belmore Oval, homeground to last year's Rugby League champions, Canterbury Bulldogs.

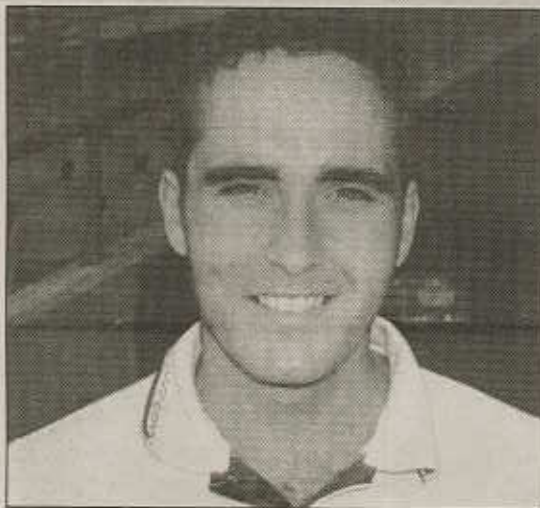
At a special conference held at Belmore Oval last week to announce the 'marriage' between the two giant sporting organisations,

Olympic signed a three year sub-tenancy agreement with the Canterbury 'Bulldogs'.

The 'Bulldogs' Chief Executive and former international, Mr Bob Hagan, stated: "We are very happy with this arrangement. As from today, Sydney Olympic has a three year sub-tenancy at Belmore Oval, a stadium that has 5,600 seats undercover with excellent facilities including 28 'tennis-boxes' plus 12 modern Corporate boxes.

"Our ground is the third best sporting facility after the Sydney Football and Parramatta Stadiums.

"Over \$1.5million has been recently spent by our local Council on completely redeveloping and resurfacing the entire playing pitch and we sincerely hope that with Olympic we can become a multi-sporting organisation", ended Mr Hagan.



Adam Ciantar: Sydney Olympic's reliable central marker.

The high-profile Mr Gary Punch, former M.P. and currently Olympic's new Chairman, commented: "This is a great day for Soccer and

UTS Olympic, as the proposal for Olympic coming to Belmore Oval has been around for years.

"The financial

administration of Olympic and the 'Bulldogs' has become most demanding in recent years.

"We have the same colours, (Blue and White), and the geographic-spread of our supporters for both clubs is very similar".

Canterbury Council's Lord Mayor, Ms Kayee Griffin informed: "Council has made a determined effort to bring back the 'Bulldogs' to Belmore Oval and thus spent considerable funds to completely resurface this Oval.

"We were determined to make the most use of the Oval, and now have the two codes playing on this wonderfully upgraded ground.

"It is a great partnership between the Council (Canterbury) and the two sporting clubs".

The Ericsson League's pleased General manager, Mr

Stefan Kamasz, also in attendance, told ABSW: "From our League's point of view this ground provides us with another excellent facility or option for the end-of-season Play-Offs or as a back-up in case of an emergency in the



event of bad weather".

The upgrading of Belmore Oval entailed, the digging up of the entire arena, laying down a much needed and modern complex drainage system and completely re-turfing the pitch so that it has now been rendered almost weather-proof.

With proximity to rail and parking facilities, Olympic supporters should find their new 'home' much to their liking for the coming season.

From a financial viewpoint, the Stadium with its modern well-laid-out Corporate lounges and boxes, will enable Olympic's new management consortium to greatly galvanise their marketing and sponsorship dollar avenues.

So impressed by Belmore Oval's facilities and potential was a marketing representative of a giant electronics conglomerate who was in attendance, that he quietly told ABSW he would be rushing through a proposal of sponsorship to Sydney Olympic's Board of Management that very same evening.

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L-R: Bob Hagan, 'Bulldogs' president Barry Nelson, Mayor of Canterbury Kayee Griffin, Gary Punch & Olympic's president, Simon Konstandinidis.



Simon Konstandinidis, Gary Punch and Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Kayee Griffin.



UTS Olympic's Chairman, Gary Punch, handing across a signed Soccer ball in good faith to Canterbury 'Bulldogs' C.E.O. Bob Hagan.



Mayor of Canterbury Council, Kayee Griffin addressing the media.



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WARREN GRONAU

SPORTSMAN AND A TRUE SPORT

BY PAUL GOODWIN

Everybody who knew him agreed on one thing: Warren Gronau, who died recently at the tragically early age of 31, was a true Sportsman.

That is, a Sportsman in every sense of the word.

For not only did his sporting prowess extend to a myriad of games other than his beloved soccer, but as a competitor he was a shining example to others coming through the ranks.

Warren was the middle of three sons born to Claus and Wendy and grew up in the Eastwood area just a hop, skip and jump from NSW Soccer Federation Division 1 club Ryde City's home ground, T. G. Millner field.

Most of his early football was played in the area for a team then known as Eastwood Town and latterly Eastwood St. Andrews, where he rose from Under 7s to Premier League and eventually Federation level before moving on to Parramatta City in the same exalted competition.

He had already played first grade at the age of seventeen and was active in cricket, rugby union and athletics, representing his school, Meadowbank Boys High, in all these sports as well as soccer, captaining many teams along the way.

Warren was always a very fit young man and his many friends, both in and out of the game, could attest to his competitiveness.

Team sports were his forte and leadership and inspiration his major strengths.

For all this, he still found time for individual pursuits and loved nothing better than beating his pals in a round of golf or showing them up on the ski fields. Golf and skiing were two of his many passions and he travelled extensively in search of the best facilities and slopes, both here and overseas.

Soon after the funeral service for Warren was over, his friends and admirers, together with all his family and his beloved partner Tracey Ware, made their way over from the Uniting Church of St Andrews at Eastwood to the clubhouse at T. G. Millner Field.

There, at the request of his parents and brothers Steven and Marc, his life was celebrated by a huge crowd as those who knew him well took turns to speak about the Warren Gronau they knew.

Courageously, Steven spoke, and so well, about the man who would not be beaten in any sport, especially by any brother. Others waxed lyrical about his larrikinism and ability as a practical joker.

Many mentioned his determination and will to succeed.

It was noted by one of the many speakers that his initials, W.A.G. were most appropriate as he was the life and soul of the party.

From his former club Parramatta City where he captained the side to two promotions and was with them in their rise from 5th to 2nd Divisions, he was fondly remembered by 'Costa' on behalf of the former 'Hellas' club.

Old sparring partner, Noel Laurie, who had moved with him when he later joined Bankstown, was a very close friend and spoke well.

Laurie had grown up with 'Waz', as he knew him, and the pair enjoyed an intense rivalry especially from the time when they came together as team mates at Eastwood St. Andrews.

Warren was playing first grade as early as seventeen and his friend joined him at Parramatta City, after Gronau had spent the summer months playing in the unofficial 'Greek Cup' for Western Districts Hellas, which became Parramatta City.

The two mates lived life to the full and Noel had



Warren Gronau and Tracey Ware: Seen in happy times which were a continual celebration of life.

enormous respect for Warren's ability to play hard and work hard, burning the candle at both ends, it seemed.

"Warren's determination and leadership were second to none and we shared so many great moments during our soccer days together.

"I was proud to have been

associated with him and to have played as a member of the premierships and championship teams he captained," Laurie recounted.

There was obviously a great deal of admiration for Warren in his words and these were shared by so many who knew him.

"He had an uncanny knack of making everyone he came in contact with feel that they were his own special friend and his engaging manner drew many to his side," Noel concluded.

Brian Dane, who coached him at Bankstown, where he was again captain, was glad to

see him do so well when he moved to Ryde two seasons ago.

Dane remembered Warren as a resolute defender who rarely scored, but had the dubious honour of winning a special trophy for scoring two 'own goals' in one game for the Bankstown club.

Dane coached him when current Ryde team members Allan Lindley, Brad Glasscock and Steve Duval were also in the side as well as the popular ex Ku-ring-gai sweeper and good mate Noel Laurie.

Ryde's President, George Moscos, declared that both he, personally, and all the members of the committee are finding it hard to accept that Warren is no longer with us as he had been such an inspiration at the club.

Warren had recovered from major surgery while at Bankstown and returned to the side, before linking up with Ryde in the summer of 1995.

He was an instant success and made the stopper's shirt his own.

Warren was voted Players' Player of the Year in 1995 Ryde team-mates an honour he richly deserved.

He was noted for his discipline and integrity and the dignity with which he conducted his soccer. He never referred to his health problems after joining the club and gave one hundred percent at all times. No quarter was given or asked.

He was also required to undergo unrelated surgery last summer and again came back to reclaim his place in the side.

His final appearance proved to be the last competition game the team played at T. G. Millner Field, when the Gunners beat Bathurst 2-1.

Only Warren could have known the brave effort it took to come back from the earlier touch and go operation to renew his soccer career and indeed make it at the highest level yet.

He was playing at the peak of his powers when at Ryde he began to suffer some headaches and dizzy spells which ultimately were diagnosed as signs that fate was taking over.

Even Wozza's redoubtable fighting qualities were not enough to overcome this final assault on his still so very young body.

His family paid testimony to the kindness shown by all those who attended him at the Melanoma Unit of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Many maintained a bedside vigil and although he was in great pain Warren was able to recover consciousness enough to briefly speak with his loved ones near the end of his life which sadly came at 5pm on Wednesday 28th August.

Ryde captain Chris Cowley and his wife Cheryl were very good friends with both Warren and his grieving partner Tracey.

On the day of the special function at the clubhouse Tracey was presented by the captain with the coveted number five shirt, worn by Warren throughout his days at Ryde, to be treasured as a memento of happier times.

This number shirt was not to be used again this season.

The Ryde coach, Les DeCelis, has described his former player as a 'role-model' with his fearless, whole-hearted approach to life and to his much-loved game of soccer.

The Ryde City Gunners are now aiming to go all the way in the Finals and win the major prize in honour of their missing comrade.

He will be very sadly missed by the soccer community as well as by his very close family and innumerable friends.

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COACHING IS REAL CHALLENGE FOR FARINA

In conversation with BOB BROOKS

Frank Farina was reminded of his National League debut as a raw 17 year old at Wentworth Park in Sydney. The opposition was Blacktown City and Farina was a flyer on the wing for Sydney City.

Sydney City's usual ground, the Sydney Athletic Ground at Kensington, was unavailable for four weeks. Frank confessed to helping prepare the Wentworth Park pitch.

One of his jobs was to put in the goal posts which were square wooden ones. Well, the ground was hard and he had to chop a piece off each post. So much came off that the goals were actually five inches shorter than the regulation 8 foot.

When Farina told Eddie Thomson, the coach advised him not to worry about it, "No one will notice". They didn't.

Much water has passed under the bridge since that exciting debut in Farina's career. Now it's on to the coaching challenge with Brisbane Strikers. The much travelled attacker is just as excited as he was when making his NSL debut in the 1980s.

Asked if his knee injury would keep him out for long, the ever cheerful Farina said



Frank Farina: Added coaching to his playing responsibilities at Brisbane Strikers.

maybe six weeks. He is already back into cycling and running but can't yet kick a ball.

It is rare for the untried coach to miss games through injury but he confesses that as he gets older he must work harder to maintain fitness.

Since last season the Strikers have lost Jason Polak, highly rated by Farina as a great influence on the team. Steve Jackson, Craig Williams to the Singapore Professional League and Chris Zoricich who is now in Europe.

Farina however is impressed with five graduates of the Queensland Academy of Sport who are all vying for first team spots with Brisbane. He paid tribute to Greg Brown the Head of Soccer Coaching at QAS. Brown is the former Parramatta Eagles and West Adelaide ace goalscorer who had considerable influence on the quintet's development.

Matt Bell, Chay Hews and Reece Tollanaere graduated in 1995 while Wayne Knipe and Kasey Wehrman did so this year. Bell will miss the first couple of games in the Ericsson Cup as he is touring South America with the Young Socceroos.

Graham Ross is on hand should first choice keeper, Clint Bolton need replacing through injury, representative



Rod Brown: The experienced goalscorer will be expected to encourage the younger members of the team.

calls or even loss of form. The Cranney brothers will be continuing big contributors. Experienced Alan Hunter continues to mature like good red wine.

Asked if he had any advice for young Australian players going to Europe he admitted first that his time overseas had been the highlight of his career. In all three countries Belgium, Italy and France he had the twin challenges of performing on the field and adjusting to the different languages, cultures, way of life and weather.

Frank said that those challenges still exist for any player determined to earn a full time living from the game in Europe.

Frank Farina doesn't have to prepare Suncorp Stadium for his team, his club Brisbane Strikers, that's the groundsman's job. However, the well spoken, former Socceroo star is preparing the Sunshine State's only Ericsson Cup entrants for the new season.

It's a new era for Farina, he now has the added responsibilities of coaching to his on going playing career. He deserves to do well. ABSW wishes him all the best for the future.

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Glen Gwynne: One of the younger brigade at Brisbane.



Danny Wright: Vastly experienced National League player still giving outstanding service to the Strikers.

Northern New South Wales

BREAKERS SIGN LANDMARK SPONSORSHIP DEAL

by DANE SKAFTE

Newcastle Breakers announced the signing of a new playing apparel sponsor last Wednesday. Topper, an Argentinian based sportswear brand, have joined the Newcastle Club until the end of the 1997/98 season.

While the exact details of the deal remain confidential, Breakers Managing Director, Pat Clarke said, "It is for a substantial cash component, and a cash incentive based payment and a sizeable merchandise component."

Chairman of Topper's Australian distributor, Mr John Holder explained his

company saw the deal as an exciting opportunity. "Australia is very important for Topper as it represents its first foray into an English



speaking country. Topper were greatly impressed by the Breakers. As well as being a well run club with a very

broad supporter base, the Breakers play an open exciting brand of football. As a fairly new, relatively young team they have the potential to become a major force in the Australian league."

Topper who sponsor a number of South American clubs including Boca Juniors, will become an official supplier in Soccer Australia's newly announced merchandising agreement with Gaffney International. The Breakers and Topper are expected to launch the new strip on October 4, one week before the start of the National League Season.

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS v NORTHERN N.S.W.

The Newcastle Breakers progressed to the second round of the Johnnie Walker Cup with a 5-1 thumping of Northern New South Wales last Wednesday night at Breakers Stadium.

While the scoreline mimicked the 7-1 thrashing of the Lions in the first leg, the return match was in truth a much closer contest. With many of the Ken Kaiser's squad stung by criticism following the opening game, Northern fought hard to salvage reputations.

Despite the Lions bright start it was the Breakers who opened the scoring in the 9th minute. Deloraine Eagles goalkeeper Dean Conway, replacing Peter Oberhauser from the first leg, failed to hold a 30m drive from defender Shane Pryce, midfielder dynamo Troy Halpin was first to the rebound and he slid the ball home to make it 1-0.

Fourteen minutes later however the Lions gained some reward for their toils when Wayne Bailey equalised. After striker Benn Lane had won his side a corner, Bob Naumov found the head of Bailey with a wicked near post cross. The lanky Highfields Wolves midfielder flicked the ball into the top corner of keeper Adam Fittock's near post.

Fittock had a torrid time with set pieces in the game and Northern could have scored from at least two more corners before half-time as the Breakers struggled to deal with the precise service and the height of the Lions attack.

It was the Breakers however who scored next, when Troy Halpin collected his second on the stroke of half-time from a set piece of his own. Following a foul by Anthony Richards on striker Jason Bennett, Halpin



Troy Halpin: Opened the scoresheet in the ninth minute.

squeezed his free-kick inside Conway's right hand post. While the Lions keeper might have done better with the well struck shot, he was not helped by a completely ineffective wall.

After the interval Northern continued to threaten the Breakers goal. They looked much more dangerous on the wide open spaces of Breakers Stadium than they did last week at the much smaller Jack MacLaughlin field. Coach Ken Kaiser's decision to move Bob Naumov to his customary wide role paid dividends with he and fellow Deloraine Eagles team-mate Danny Gordon providing great service to the Lions' frontline.

Just after the hour however came the turning point in the match. Any hope the Lions had of winning were dashed with the sending-off of Mark Jones for a second bookable offence. Kaiser had brought the former NSL player in to give his side more bite in the midfield. However, having only played a handful of games in the Northern First

Division this year, Jones could not have been expected to be match fit. His contribution was limited and Kaiser's gamble eventually backfired.

Breakers coach John Kosmina replaced Garry Wilson with youngster Evis Heath on 70 minutes and the move took much of the sting out of the Northern side. With the fresh flanker demanding defensive attention the Lions right side was much less threatening.

Not surprisingly the ten men of Northern soon went behind 3-1 when Robbie Ironside scored his second goal in successive games following a near post flick-on from Liam Maguire. The strike ended any chance of a Northern fightback.

The Breakers added two more, including the goal of the game to Captain David Lowe. Man of the Match Glenn Sprod whipped a ball beyond the back post from the right flank, Heath amazingly got to the ball on the full and volleyed it back to the edge of the penalty area.

Lowe burst onto the lay-off and his crisp 20m strike made it 4-1.

New signing Liam Maguire made it 5-1 with his first goal in a Breakers shirt and the Lions were again the victim of an embarrassing scoreline.

Breakers coach John Kosmina was happy with the result despite the lack of flair compared to the first leg of the tie. He added that the goalkeeping role would go to former Adamstown Rosebud keeper Liam Baker against Marconi after a disappointing display by Fittock.

Northern coach Ken Kaiser was proud of his side despite the scoreline. He claimed it was a much improved performance and lamented the loss of Jones at a crucial point in the match.

REFEREES OFF TO NATIONAL TITLES

Two of Newcastle's leading junior referees will leave later this month to officiate at the National Championships being held at Rochdale, South Brisbane.

24 year old Lee Archer and 17 year old Bryan Garland were selected from a panel of referees to represent the Northern New South Wales area at the Under 14 and Under 15 championships.

Archer is well known in the area for his goalkeeping ability, was a former national youth goalkeeper and was the first division keeper for West Wallsend last season.

"I took up refereeing for the love of the game, because it is often a thankless task, but someone has to do it."

"My ultimate goal is to referee in the Ericsson Cup and hopefully get my FIFA badge one day."

Archer as a player in 1995 was awarded the trophy given to the outstanding newcomer to the NNSW top division.

"I have been only refereeing for two seasons and this will be my first national titles in that capacity."



Lee Archer (L) and Bryan Garland (R): The two of them will be in Rochdale Queensland for national titles.

Archer was judged the best referee this season in the Premier Youth League (PYL) and he refereed the Under 16 Grand Final.

Meanwhile, Bryan Garland has only been refereeing for the past four years, but has been an active player for Belmont over the past ten years.

Garland is currently

studying for his Higher School certificate but still finds time to referee when he is called upon.

The Year 12 student from Belmont High took up refereeing for the enjoyment and would like to referee at the National League level.

"Anything after that is a real bonus," Garland said.

Garland was nominated for

the National Youth League Panel (NYL) as an assistant referee (linesman) for the coming season.

"I was pretty happy to get on the panel, and I can't wait for the season to begin," he said.

Garland officiated at this years Under 13 State Titles in Tamworth.

WIRED FOR SOUND

The National Coaching Director of Referees, Gary Power agreed that referees officiating at the National Titles in Brisbane will learn much over the week.

"They will get to meet some of the elite referees and pick up some helpful pointers."

"It won't be a holiday for these people they will eat, sleep and talk refereeing while at the championships."

"They will be better referees when the championships end."

This years titles will be somewhat different according to Power.

"The officials will be wired for sound. This will allow cross communication between the Referee and the Assistants. This should make their task much more easy."

Most of the referees selected have been identified as having talent in many areas."



ILLAWARRA PREMIER LEAGUE

BY PHIL MURPHY

Port Kembla are in the Premier League Grand Final after beating Lysaghts 1-0 in the major semi-final at Memorial Park on Sunday. However, coach Adrian Alston faces a minor dilemma.

He has to keep his players in a winning mood for three weeks before tackling either Lysaghts or Wollongong Olympic.

The unusually long break comes about after the ISA decided to avoid a clash with the Sydney Rugby League Grand Final. Olympic beat Bulli 4-1 after extra time in the minor semi-final.

Alston said it was unfortunate there will be such a long break but the consolation was that players with niggling injuries will have a chance to recover.

On the other side of the coin, Lysaghts coach Casey de Bruin will have no time to relax. Lysaghts meet Olympic in the Bampton Cup final on Friday night and a week later take on the same team in the league final.

It was striker Justyn Roberts who scored the goal which sank Lysaghts.

The usually reliable Lysaghts defence was at fault, failing to react when Port Kembla fullback Dominic Carlo went forward and fired goalwards.

The ball was touched by Roberts and crossed the line despite two defenders and goal keeper Warwick Young appearing to have the striker covered.

Mike Hollifield almost took the game into extra time when a bullet-like free kick from 30 metres rattled the Port Kembla upright.

Wollongong White Eagles and Kemblawarra should attract a full house when they clash in the first division Grand Final at Crehan Park on Saturday.

It is the Grand Final the ISA were hoping for as it should prove a great money-spinner.

The clubs are strong rivals - the Eagles have a strong Serbian support whilst Kemblawarra have the backing of the Portuguese community with a number of Macedonian players in their side.

Kemblawarra got through with a comparatively easy 3-0 victory over Picton at the weekend.

Picton tried hard but lacked the pace and creativity displayed by Kemblawarra.

After going close twice in the early stages of the game, Picton spent plenty of time defending. It took Kemblawarra 62 minutes to crack the defence.

Striker Joe Coelho netted from close range after Tony Sekuloski had a shot blocked almost on the line. With five minutes left, Coelho was brought down in the box and Vlade Sbrinovski scored from the penalty spot. Vasco Tacevski scored Kemblawarra's third goal.

Near the end of the game, referee Tony Hart sent Picton defender Nick Sopheleous from the field for a second bookable offence.

The second division season is over, Warilla Wanderers having accounted for Woonona 3-1 in the Grand Final at Ball's Paddock.

It was a big win for Warilla as they had veteran fullback Tommy Cabanas sent from the field just seven minutes into the second half.

Centre-back Richard Vidal headed Warilla into the lead after 27 minutes then Harkan Ugar made it 2-0 before the break.

After the Wanderers were reduced to 10 men, Col Blakeney pulled a goal back for Woonona but then Ugar scored his team's vital third goal.

It will be a big night at McLennan Park on Friday when Lysaghts and Wollongong Olympic meet in the Bampton Cup final.

Lysaghts have already won the championship and coach Casey de Bruin is confident they can add the Cup and Premier League Grand Final to their spoils.

Olympic have a good record in reaching the Cup final, and won it two years ago.

Wollongong Olympic supporters are hoping striker Manny Mavridis makes the side for Friday night's Bampton Cup final against Lysaghts.

Mavridis, who is the team's top scorer on 10, was taken to hospital with a nasty ankle injury during Sunday's semi-final against Bulli.

He has a special incentive to play against Lysaghts because it will be his 250th appearance for Olympic.

Premier League clubs are busy deciding if they will have new coaches next season.

One club to have kept the status quo are Fernhill who had a disappointing season. However, Peter Willis will be staying on as coach.

With Casey de Bruin having taken on the role of head coach at the NSW Institute of Sport, Lysaghts are on the lookout for his successor.

At Balgownie, Natch Vardareff has had the chop with Steve Quirk or Eric Thompson being tipped to take over.



NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

WARATAH CUP FINALS

Parramatta Eagles 1 Sydney United 2 (AET)

FEDERATION FIRST DIVISION PRELIMINARY FINALS

Ryde City	1	Belmore Hercules	0
Hills United	2	Fairfield Bulls	5
Sydney Cosmos	1	Ryde City	0

Belmore Hercules bowed out of the 1996 Division One Finals series when they lost an enthralling game with Ryde City, 1-0 at Melita Stadium on Saturday.

Belmore welcomed back Nick Plataniotis, after a week away, introducing central defender, Dragan Grujic and were without two of their stars, Jose Mendes and Jason Lal.

Ryde, by contrast, missed key defender Richard Miranda and the rejigged defence led a charmed life, needing goalkeeper Andrew Prentice to be at his sparkling best on the day.

Little was seen of the Ryde attack in the first half as Belmore took the game to their old friends and long time rivals.

Soper nearly made an early impact, swift action from Prentice in diving at the former Socceroo's feet in the 8th minute, to intercept a Chris Xipolitis cross from the right, paying dividends.

Ryde had an attack in the 13th which could have been productive, the final shot after sustained pressure coming from Tim Stratford, but wide of the target.

They showed signs that they would have to defend in numbers and forfeit any imaginative forward forays by their constant exposure to the likes of Marshall Soper, Jimmy Nikas and Jim Melissourgos, who always looked menacing.

Soper sped away down the

right in the 26th and cut the ball back to the near post where Brad Glascock got his head to the ball in an attempt to clear, instead forcing Prentice to make a crucial save at close range.

Melissourgos got down the left flank in the 29th and tested the keeper with a fierce volley which Prentice tipped over the bar.

Ryde's only other first half chance was when McKie found himself free on the approach to goal and with captain Chris Cowley chiming in through the middle to put his shot just wide.

The game was evenly poised, as Ryde had the favourable wind to look forward to in the second half and they certainly gave more hope to their supporters after the restart.

Alan Lindley was also getting into some good positions with his speed off the ball and set up the move which brought the only goal of the game, the winner for Ryde in the 59th.

Lindley did extra well to get down the left and cut the ball back to Tim Stratford inside the Belmore penalty area.

Stratford was surrounded by defenders, yet by twisting and turning looked capable of finding space for a shot.

He finally laid the ball back 20 yards to Jeff Kelly who was in the centre and ready to unleash a low, perfectly placed shot which nestled in the bottom left corner of the net.

Murphy's Notts County at Meadow Lane in Nottingham.

In Division One Kevin Muscat and Carl Veart helped Crystal Palace to a handy 3-1 home win in front of 17,000 against Premier fallers Manchester City.

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FIRST DIVISION PRELIMINARY FINAL

RYDE CITY 1 BELMORE HERCULES 0

BY PAUL GOODWIN

It was Kelly's second winning goal in six days, breaking a long run without scoring for the former Apia player.

Ryde needed to soak up an enormous amount of Belmore pressure after their goal was scored and had to rely on Prentice more than ever to save their skins.

Belmore were much more inventive and lively than they had been against Sydney Cosmos the previous week and the Ryde goal led a charmed life.

Soper made his way through a brittle Ryde defence to set up a far post heading opportunity for big Nick Plataniotis in the 66th, but the connection was missed by a hair's breadth.

Moments later Melissourgos got the better of Leo Ulloa and set said for goal, only for another brilliant save from Prentice to deny him.

At the other end to show that they still had thoughts of scoring more Lindley saw his diving header from a smart McKie cross blocked by a defender's strategically placed leg near the line.

Nikas was always capable of creating some magic and nearly repeated his scoring feats against the club in the past two encounters when he hit a drive from 15 yards which Prentice, this time, could only palm away and in the path of Melissourgos.

Big Jim was sorry to see his shot blocked by Duval in a rearguard action.

Belmore substitute Tim Cahill clipped the ball over



Marshall Soper: Former Parramatta Eagles player couldn't inspire Belmore to victory.

the bar in the 83rd while Lindley again went close with a shot which was parried by Elias Tritaris and then scrambled to safety.

A thunderbolt shot from Franco Cosentino in the 87th was dealt with in superb style by the overworked Prentice and then in the dying minutes Soper got into the box with Duval athi shoulder and was forced to hurry hit shot which carried wide.

Belmore had shot their last bolt and left Ryde with the spoils of victory.

The prize is a Grand Final game with the formidable Sydney Cosmos at The Gabbie, Seven Hills, home of Blacktown City on Saturday afternoon.

Cosmos will be at full strength as both Paul

Richardson and Ben Blake, sent off in the Major Semi Final, won appeals against suspension during the week, a ruling which did not please Belmore who had to do without two of their best players for the Ryde match.

UNDER 21 HILLS UNITED 2 FAIRFIELD BULLS 5

The Under 21 match was certainly one of two halves, as the saying goes.

Hills United looked to be in control when they held a 2-0 half time advantage, courtesy of a brace of goals from Paul Kirkley.

A missed penalty by Fairfield did not augur well, but goals almost from the

restart from Tony Boustani, who got two in three minutes, brought Hills down to earth.

When Matthew Borg sped away to put Fairfield in front for the first time Hills seemed to have lost the plot.

Hills continued to press and had some shots which went wide, but the speed on the counter attack by the Bulls saw Borg get a second and Boustani a third before the end to provide a shock 5-2 scoreline.

This last goal had a bit of class about it.

Eddy Pintos won a tackle deep inside his own half and cleverly got past the midfield presence to lay on a defence splitting pass for Boustani, who finished clinically.

The first two of his goals had been headers while Borg used his pace to stroll into the

box and tuck the ball away with all the ease of the first grader that he usually is.

Hills tried hard on their several attacks, but the best they could do was to hit the underside of the bar with a Paul Kirkley header.

How they sacrificed a two goal half time advantage only they will know.

Fairfield meets Ryde City in the big one next weekend and it ought to be a cracker as both sides love to attack.

UNDER 18 SYDNEY COSMOS 1 RYDE CITY 0

The Under 18s was a win by Sydney Cosmos 1-0, a missed penalty by Jimmy Vakkis not giving them the best of starts, but a winner from Jose Perez eventually doing all the damage.

So Cosmos takes on Hills in the Grand Final.

For an exclusive & comprehensive coverage of the First Division Grand Final, order your ABSW now, for next week.

Aussies Abroad . . .

Despite difficulties in obtaining information we will try and keep our readers informed on the activities both on and off the field of the Australians playing abroad, currently strung out across the world from Malaysia to Scotland.

Last week seems to have been a quiet one with Paul Okon still being kept out of the Lazio line-up through injury, although he finally made his long-awaited Serie A debut this weekend at the San Siro of all places - against mighty Inter Milan! More about that next week.

The star performance of last week goes to LUCAS NEILL, who went straight from the AIS to England where he now turns out for Millwall in the Nationwide Division Two.

Lucas scored for the South-East London club in their 3-3 draw up at Peterborough and then four days later banged in another one against Shaun

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Craig Moore: On the bench for Rangers European Champions game against Grasshopper of Zurich.

Oceania World Cup

Two goals in the final three minutes gained Papua New Guinea a 2-1 victory over Vanuatu in Lae PNG, on Saturday, sending them through to the second round of the Oceania Confederation World Cup qualifying tournament.

As the Melanesian Group winners they will play Fiji and New Zealand in Group Two, a round-robin tournament which will take place next year on a home and away basis.

Solomon Islands, finished as runners-up to PNG but they will be given another crack at qualification. They will meet the winners of the Polynesian Group comprising of Cook Islands, Tonga and Western Samoa for a place in Group

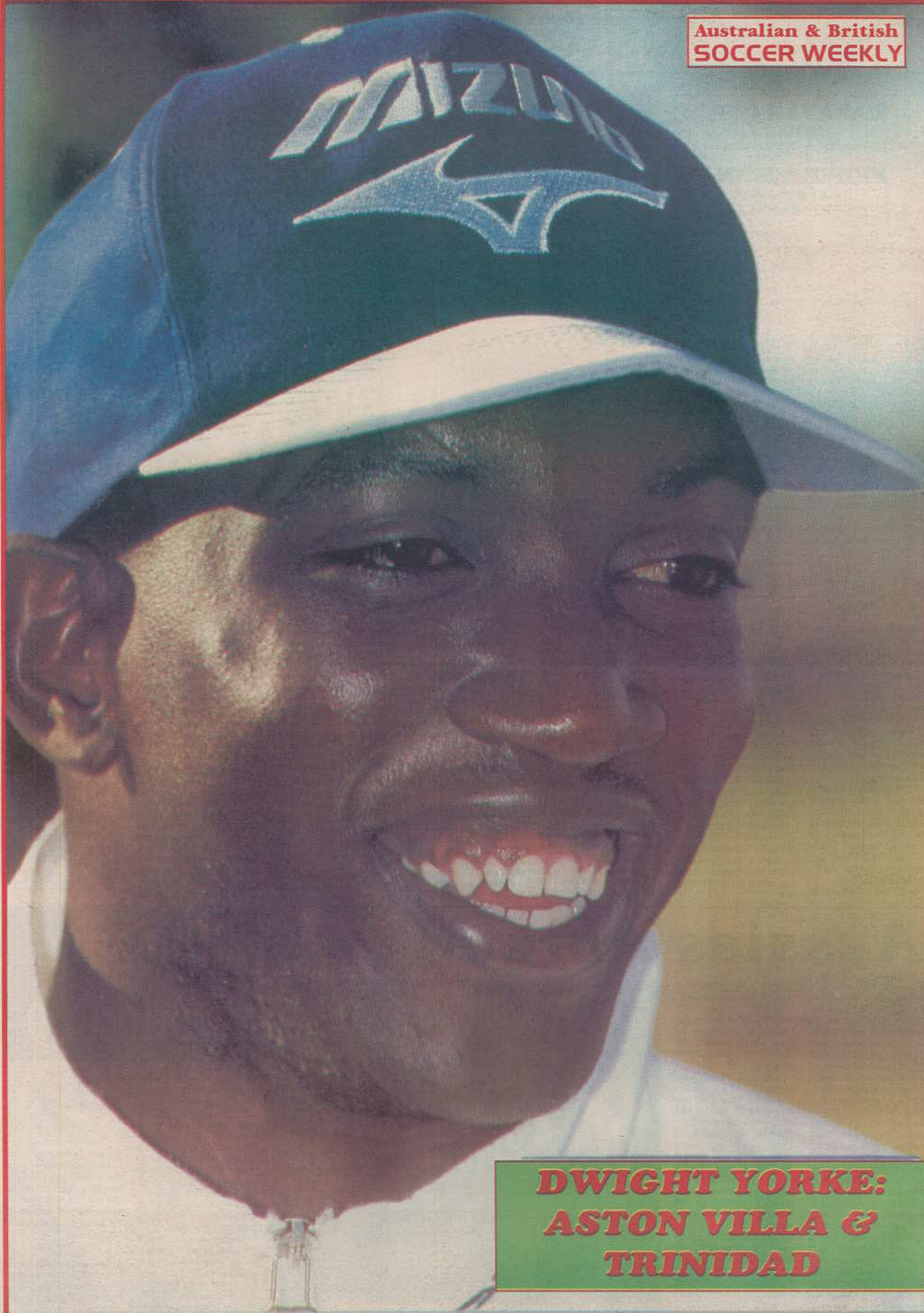
One with Australia and Tahiti.

After the completion of the two round robin Groups, probably in June next year, the two winners will meet to decide who will play the 4th Asian team for a World Cup 98 berth in France.

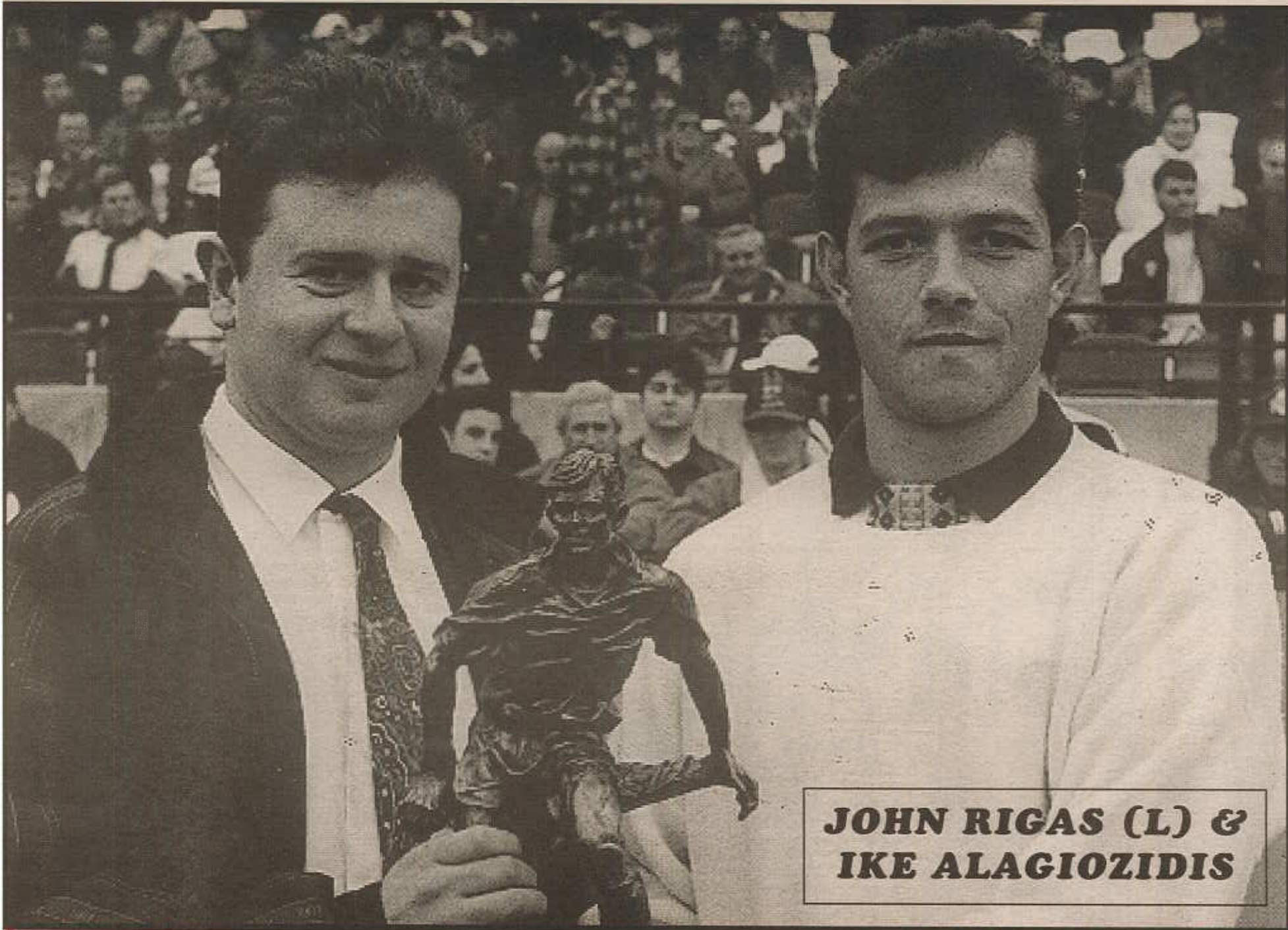
Results from the World Cup qualifying tournament:

Papua New Guinea	1
Solomon Islands	1
Vanuatu	1
Solomon Islands	1

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**JOHN RIGAS (L) &
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WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

Belgium First Division

Molenbeek	1 FC Brugge	3
Genk	1 SC Charleroi	4
Standard Liege	2 Ekeren	1
Gent	2 Mouscron	4
Lierse	0 Alost	1
St-Trond	2 Mechelen	3
Cercle Brugge	2 Lokeren	6
Royal Antwerp	0 Anderlecht	2
Harelbeke	0 Lommel	2

TABLE

FC Brugge	6	4	2	0	16	5	14
Standard Liege	6	4	0	2	9	7	12
Anderlecht	6	3	3	0	15	3	12
Mouscron	6	3	3	0	13	8	12
Gent	6	3	2	1	13	11	11
Lokeren	6	2	2	2	10	7	8
Alost	6	2	2	2	7	7	8
Genk	6	2	2	2	8	9	8
Lommel	6	2	2	2	9	12	8
SC Charleroi	6	2	1	3	9	10	7
Royal Antwerp	6	2	1	3	8	14	7
Lierse	6	1	4	1	9	6	7
Mechelen	6	1	4	1	11	11	7
Molenbeek	6	1	3	2	5	8	6
Harelbeke	6	1	2	3	7	10	5
Ekeren	6	1	1	4	7	11	4
St-Trond	6	1	1	4	7	15	4
Cercle Brugge	6	0	3	3	6	15	3

France First Division

Bordeaux	3 Lille	0
Caen	0 Rennes	0
Guingamp	1 Lens	0
Marseille	1 Nice	0
Monaco	0 Lyon	0
Montpellier	2 Le Havre	1
Nancy	0 Auxerre	0
Nantes	0 Metz	1
Strasbourg	1 Bastia	3

TABLE

Paris SG	6	4	2	0	7	0	14
Bordeaux	7	4	3	0	10	3	15
Bastia	7	4	2	1	10	5	14
Metz	7	4	2	1	8	4	14
Lens	7	4	1	2	10	9	13
Monaco	7	3	3	1	12	5	12
Auxerre	7	3	3	1	6	2	12
Marseille	7	3	3	2	9	7	11
Guingamp	7	3	2	2	6	5	11
Cannes	7	3	2	2	5	5	11
Lille	7	3	2	2	8	9	11
Lyon	7	2	4	1	9	7	10
Le Havre	7	2	2	3	7	7	8
Rennes	7	2	2	3	8	10	8
Montpellier	7	1	3	3	6	10	6
Strasbourg	7	2	0	5	5	12	6
Caen	7	0	4	3	2	8	4
Nantes	7	0	2	5	5	12	2
Nancy	7	0	2	5	2	9	2
Nice	7	0	1	6	5	12	1

Germany Bundesliga

Borussia Dortmund	1 Stuttgart	1
Karlsruhe	1 Duisburg	0
Schalke	1 Bayern Munich	1
Arminia Bielefeld	0 Bayer Leverkusen	1
1860 Munich	4 Freiburg	0
Cologne	4 Borussia	0
Moenchengladbach	0	1
Werder Bremen	5 Bochum	1
Fortuna Duesseldorf	0 Hansa Rostock	2
Hamburg	3 St Pauli	0

TABLE

Bayern Munich	6	4	2	0	13	5	14
VfB Stuttgart	5	4	1	0	15	2	13
B. Dortmund	6	4	1	1	14	7	13
B. Leverkusen	6	4	0	2	13	8	12
Cologne	6	4	0	2	11	7	12
W. Bremen	6	3	1	2	13	7	10
Karlsruhe	5	3	1	1	11	6	10
Hamburg	6	3	0	3	10	10	9
Bochum	6	2	3	1	8	9	9
Hansa Rostock	6	2	2	2	7	5	8
1860 Munich	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Schalke	6	1	4	1	7	10	7
F. Duesseldorf	6	2	1	3	3	10	7
B. M'gladbach	6	1	2	3	4	8	5
St Pauli	6	1	1	4	7	17	4
A. Bielefeld	6	0	3	3	3	6	3
Freiburg	6	1	0	5	7	19	3
Duisburg	6	0	1	5	2	11	1

Holland First Division

Graafschap	2 PSV Eindhoven	1
Ajax Amsterdam	2 Sparta Rotterdam	0
Twente Enschede	0 F. Rotterdam	1
Volendam	2 Willem II Tilburg	1
Groningen	2 NEC Nijmegen	4
RKC Waalwijk	0 Roda JC Kerkrade	2
NAC Breda	1 AZ Alkmaar	0
Fortuna Sittard	1 Utrecht	3
Vitesse Arnhem	1 Heerenveen	1

TABLE

F. Rotterdam	6	5	1	0	13	3	16
PSV Eindhoven	6	5	0	1	21	5	15
T. Enschede	6	3	2	1	7	4	11
Heerenveen	6	3	1	2	13	8	10
G. Doetinchem	6	3	1	2	11	7	10
R. JC Kerkrade	6	2	4	0	8	3	10
A. Amsterdam	6	3	1	2	4	4	10
NAC Breda	6	3	1	2	4	7	10
V. Arnhem	5	2	2	1	6	4	8

NEC Nijmegen	6	2	2	2	8	11	8
Fortuna Sittard	6	2	1	3	5	9	7
Utrecht	6	1	3	2	7	7	6
S. Rotterdam	6	1	2	3	5	8	5
RKC Waalwijk	5	1	1	3	7	12	4
AZ Alkmaar	6	1	1	4	2	6	4
W. II Tilburg	6	1	1	4	5	11	4
Volendam	6	1	1	4	5	13	4
Groningen	6	0	3	3	5	14	3

Italy Serie A

Round 2

Atalanta	2 Fiorentina	2
Inter	1 Perugia	0
Juventus	2 Cagliari	1
Lazio	0 Udinese	1
Napoli	1 Reggiana	0
Piacenza	0 Parma	0
Sampdoria	P/P Milan	P/P
Verona	0 Bologna	2
Vicenza	0 Roma	2

TABLE

Roma	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Bologna	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Inter	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Parma	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Juventus	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Milan	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Cagliari	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Vicenza	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Udinese	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Perugia	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Napoli	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Reggiana	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Fiorentina	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Atalanta	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Piacenza	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Sampdoria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Verona	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Vicenza	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Serie B

Brescia	1 Palermo	1
Cesena	3 Reggina	1
Cosenza	1 Bari	0
Cremonese	2 Genoa	1
Empoli	2 Salernitana	0
Foggia	2 Cast. Sang.	0
Lecce	3 Padova	0
Lucchese	0 Chievo	0
Pescara	2 Ravenna	1
Venezia	1 Torino	1

TABLE

Lecce	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Torino	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Pescara	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Chievo	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Cesena	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Empoli	2	1	1	1	3	1	3
Bari	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Ravenna	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Salernitana	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Foggia	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Cremonese	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Cosenza	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Cast. Sang.	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Padova	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Palermo	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Lucchese	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Venezia	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Genoa	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Reggina	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

Spain First Division

Atletico Madrid	0 Deportivo Coruna	2
Racing Santander	1 Barcelona	1
Espanol	1 Valladolid	0
Hercules	0 Celta Vigo	2
Oviedo	2 Athletic Bilbao	0
Compostela	1 Logrones	2
Rayo Vallecano	3 Extremadura	3
Real Sociedad	1 Sporting Gijon	1
Tenerife	0 Sevilla	2
Zaragoza	1 Valencia	1

Singapore Tiger Cup

Final

— Third Place —

Thailand	1 Malaysia	0
Vietnam	3 Indonesia	2

England Football League Cup

Second Round First Leg

Barnsley	1 Gillingham	1
Brentford	1 Blackburn	2
Bury	1 Crystal Palace	3
Charlton	4 Burnley	1
Fulham	1 Ipswich	1
Huddersfield	1 Colchester	1
Lincoln	4 Manchester City	1
Luton	1 Derby	0
Oldham	2 Tranmere	2
Port Vale	1 Carlisle	0
Preston	1 Tottenham	1
Scarborough	0 Leicester	2
Stockport	2 Sheffield United	1
Watford	0 Sunderland	2
Barnet	1 West Ham	1
Blackpool	1 Chelsea	4
Bristol City	0 Bolton	0
Coventry	1 Birmingham	1
Everton	1 York	1
Leeds	2 Darlington	2
Middlesbrough	7 Hereford	0
Nottingham Forest	1 Wycombe	0
Sheffield Wednesday	1 Oxford	1

Southampton	2 Peterborough	0
Stoke	1 Northampton	0
Swindon	1 Q. Park Rangers	2
Wimbledon	1 Portsmouth	0

Scotland League Cup

Quarter Finals

Dundee	2 Aberdeen	1
Dunfermline	2 Partick	0
Hearts	1 Celtic	0

(after extra time)

Rangers	4 Hibernian	0
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England Premier

Aston Villa	0 Manchester United	0
Blackburn	1 Everton	1
Leeds	0 Newcastle	1
Liverpool	5 Chelsea	1
Middlesbrough	0 Arsenal	2
Nottingham Forest	0 West Ham	2
Sheffield Wednesday	0 Derby	0
Sunderland	1 Coventry	0

DIVISION ONE

Bradford	2 Bolton	4
Grimsby	0 Oxford	2
Manchester City	1 Birmingham	0
Oldham	0 Barnsley	1
Portsmouth	0 Norwich	1
Queen's Park Rangers	1 Swindon	1
Reading	1 Crystal Palace	6
Southend	0 Port Vale	0
Tranmere	2 West Bromwich	3
Wolverhampton	1 Sheffield United	2

DIVISION TWO

Blackpool	1 Shrewsbury	1
Bournemouth	0 Notts County	1
Bristol City	4 Walsall	1
Bury	0 Luton	0
Chesterfield	0 Burnley	0
Gillingham	3 Rotherham	1
Millwall	2 Crewe	0
Plymouth	0 Bristol Rovers	1
Watford	0 Peterborough	0
Wrexham	1 Preston	0
Wycombe	0 Brentford	1
York	1 Stockport	2

DIVISION THREE

Barnet	3 Exeter	0
Brighton	2 Torquay	2
Cambridge	2 Scarborough	1
Cardiff	2 Northampton	2
Carlisle	1 Darlington	0
Chester	1 Scunthorpe	0
Doncaster	0 Swansea	1
Fulham	1 Mansfield	2
Hereford	3 Rochdale	0
Hull	1 Hartlepool	0
Leyton Orient	1 Colchester	1
Wigan	1 Lincoln	0

TABLES PREMIER

Liverpool	7	5	2	0	16	5
Newcastle	7	5	0	2	10	7
Arsenal	7	4	2	1	15	8
Manchester Utd	7	3	4	0	16	6
Sheffield Wed	7	4	1	2	9	9
Aston Villa	7	3	3	1	8	5
Chelsea	7	3	3	1	10	9
Middlesbrough	7	3	2	2	14	9
Derby	7	2	4	1	8	8
Sunderland	7	2	3	2	6	4
Wimbledon	6	3	0	3	7	6
Tottenham	6	2	2	2	5	4
West Ham	7	2	2	3	6	10
Leeds	7	2	1	4	6	12
Everton	7	1	3	3	6	10
Not Forest	7	1	3	3	8	13
Leicester	6	1	2	3	3	8
Coventry	7	1	1	5	3	13
Southampton	6	0	2	4	5	9
Blackburn	7	0	2	5	5	11

ROMA Marginally Ahead

Goals from Uruguay's Daniel Fonseca and Argentine Abel Balbo lifted Roma to the top of Italy's Serie A today as the Rome side kept up their perfect start to the season with a 2-0 win at Vicenza.

With a maximum six points from two matches, Roma is level on points with Bologna and Inter, winners over Verona and Perugia respectively, but lead the table on goal difference.

Champions Milan's mini-crisis continued with a 2-1 defeat at Sampdoria, its second setback in five days following the shock 3-2 European Cup loss to Porto last Wednesday.

European Cup holder Juventus lies joint fourth with Parma after defeating Cagliari 2-1 in Turin. Parma was held 0-0 at Piacenza.



Abel Balbo: Helped Roma to top of Serie A with second goal against Vicenza.

Fonseca's second goal of the season followed a fine header from Italy under-21 international Damiano Tommasi.

In the second half, Roma's new Argentine coach Carlos Bianchi replaced the tiring Fonseca with Martin Dahlin and the Swede promptly set up Balbo for the second.

Bologna, Serie B champions last season, continues to reap the reward for strengthening their squad in the summer, winning with goals from Russian Igor Kolyvanov and Carlo Nervo at Verona.

Roy Hodgson's expensively built Inter, with seven foreigners on the books, struggled to a 1-0 home win over Perugia.

At least, San Siro fans

were treated to another solo goal to add to George Weah's end-to-end effort for Milan last weekend.

This time, Inter's Javier Zanetti started his run close to the halfway line, dribbling past three defenders before scoring.

But after Zanetti's goal, only former international goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca kept Inter in the game.

Despite controversially dropping Roberto Baggio and giving veteran defender Pietro Vierchowod his Milan debut, coach Oscar Washington Tabarez again saw his side foresee an early lead.

Weah put the champions in front in the 13th minute, profiting from French defender Oumar Dieng's error, but Sampdoria drew level with the last kick of the first half — a thumping free-

Call to protect international games

German national coach Bert Vogts has called for UEFA to protect the interests of international soccer. He was speaking at the UEFA organised coaching summit in Copenhagen last week.

Vogts maintained that international matches were increasingly under threat from overloaded club schedules.

Holland's coach, Rinus Michels agreed with his German counterpart, saying that the greater number of clubs in the Champions League and the multiplication of fixtures, including friendlies, reduced the preparation time for internationals and left coaches with injured players.

UEFA technical director Andy Roxborough agreed international teams needed



Bert Vogts: Germany's coach pleads for protection of internationals.

protecting.

He also backed the wish of coaches to announce their official selection five days before a competitive match and three days in advance of a

friendly.

UEFA President Lennart Johansson said he would address the problems facing international coaches.

Blackburn rebuffed in Italy

English Premier League strugglers Blackburn have had two attempts to bolster their sorry season rebuffed as two Italian first division clubs refused to release their international stars.

Milan and Udinese told the 1994 English champion, which is now on the bottom of the league, star players George Weah and Olivier Bierhoff are not for sale.

British tabloid newspapers reported that Blackburn, with money in its pockets after selling England striker Alan Shearer to Newcastle for a world record amount, wanted Liberian Weah, the FIFA world player of the year.

"Weah has a contract with Milan until June 30, 1999, and at least until that date he belongs to Milan," Milan club vice-president Adriano Galliani said after a league meeting.

"Therefore there is no point trying to ask us for him."

Udinese's German striker Bierhoff ruled out any move. It had been thought that



Oliver Bierhoff: Blackburn chasing him to help their depleted team.

Blackburn officials were in Italy on Wednesday in negotiation with the player and officials from Udinese.

However, Bierhoff, scorer of Germany's two goals in their Euro 96 final triumph over the Czech Republic, denied any knowledge of meeting them.

It was understood that Blackburn was offering \$10 million for Bierhoff.

"It's been doing the rounds of German newspapers for a week but I don't know anything. I have a contract with Udinese that I intend to honour," he said.

Refereeing biggest challenge

International soccer's biggest problem is refereeing mistakes, but technology should not be allowed to kill off arguments, Spain coach Javier Clemente said today.

"The big problem is refereeing mistakes. You need perfect referees, but where is the perfect referee?" Clemente said during a break on the second day of the three-day UEFA National Coaches Convention held by European soccer's governing body.

But Clemente, whose side were eliminated by host England on penalties in the European championship quarter-finals in June, said perfection in football was not a good thing.

He said he did not favour the introduction of technology as a means of reducing the chances of mistakes by referees, such as televised slow-motion replays.

"In my opinion, technology must not come into football, because then the arguments will end and without arguments football will die."

"We would lose the great attraction of football, that a modest team can upset a big team," he said.



Tiger Cup to Thailand

Kiatikus Senamuang's goal in the ninth minute gave Thailand a 1-0 victory today in the inaugural Tiger Cup football tournament held in Singapore's National Stadium.

Kiatikus, known as "the Thai Zico" after the famous Brazilian forward of the 1980s, capitalised on some split-second hesitation by Malaysia's defence for the game's only goal.

A deft flick with the outside of his right foot pushed the Bangkok Bank of Commerce striker past Malaysia's first line of defence before cutting back and unleashing a fierce drive into the bottom left-hand corner of the net.

Vietnam took third place in

the tournament with a surprise 3-2 win over Indonesia.



Croatian Corner

By John Viskovle

Hajduk Split who were taken to court by former player Robert Jarni have been forced to pay him \$1.2 million it owed him from his transfer from Hajduk to Italian club Bari in 1992. Jarni said he was glad that he finally got his money plus the \$200,000 interest that came with it.

In Zurich, Croatia's womens soccer team went down 2-3 to Switzerland. The ladies had to battle for most of the match with 10 players. The result was also seen as a surprise as the Croatian's were tipped to win.

Osdek's Romanian power came to the rescue when the club thrashed Rijera 4-0 in a recent A League match. Romanian Imports netted the goals with Dumitru Mitu pulling a hat-trick and fellow countryman Lucian Popescu also on the scoresheet. The third Romanian Dronca also played well but it was Mitu who was named Man of the Match. All 3 have also represented Romania in the past.

Robert Prosinecki is staying with Barcelona and new coach Englishmen Robson says "Proza is in his plans". No such luck for Bosnian striker Meho Kodro who has left Barcelona to join Tenerife. The Bosnian has scored no less than 96 goals in Spain and says he hopes to break over a 100 while with Tenerife. The contract is for 4 years and 8 million said the 30 year old striker. Kodro who will be teamed up with Australian Aurelio Vidmar up front will see his team in the UEFA Cup this season also.

FACT Meho Kodro scored 73 goals for Real Sociedad in only 3 and a half years. He also played for Velez from 1985 to 1991.

Davor Suker is finding life hard at Real Madrid as he is marked almost always by two players. His Montenegrin partner Pedrag Mijajovic hasn't fared any better as he plays too far inside the midfield and rarely runs on goal. All this has had Italian coach Fabio Capello running for cover.

Australian Internationals Steve Horvat and Josip Skoko have become Croatian citizens.

The two had to become citizens as Croatia's Soccer Federation has now limited 4 foreigners per club and Hajduk had 6 at the time.

Hajduk's other 4 foreigners are Liberian Mass Sarr Macedonian Donce Sedloski, Albanian Arben Nuhliu and Liberian Anthony Topkash. The two Australians can't represent Croatia even if they wanted to as both have represented Australia at major international competitions.

For poor old Steve Horvat once getting his "Domovnica" broke four ribs which will see him miss many matches.

The so called "loophole" in awarding Croatian background players citizenship should see a higher influx of Australians in Croatia. Namely the likes of Ante Milicic, David Zdrilic and Ivan Zelic who could be snapped up for next season.

Adrian Kozniku scored his second goal of the season for Le Havre in a 3-1 win over Davor Vugrinec's Nantes in France.

In Austria, Salzburg sit on top of table but sadly Dean Racunica is now out injured. His replacement will be fellow Croat and new buy Drzen

Besek who will team up with yet another Croat Tomislav Kocijan in midfield. Ivica Vastic who now plays for Austria's National Team must be hoping he went to Serie B club Torino instead of staying on loan at Sturm Graz who are mid table and having a poor start to the season. Zelko Pavlovic is rated the best goalkeeper in Austria. He is 25 years old and formerly with NK Zagreb but now in Austria with GAK.

An American womens soccer player Antoinette Marjanovic who hails from California has joined Croatian club Elektro Osijek. The 17 year old who is regarded as a major talent in the USA is also set to play for Croatia's National Womens team and will debut soon. She also went on to say that in the US many women play better than the men and the sport is no longer male dominated as the sport is very popular among women in the USA.

For more Croatian Sports News tune into Cro 2000 with legendary presenter Ante Grabovac. The program is broadcast in English on Sydney's 98.1FM Wednesdays at 8.45pm. Please tune in.

CROATIAN A LEAGUE TOP GOALSCORERS

- 6 - Cvitanovic
- 4 - Viduka, Islami, Mitu
- 3 - Skoko, Vukas, Vukoja
- 2 - Bosnjak, Duro, Jurcec, Lalic, Sarr, Spanjic, Maric, Rogosic, Deluka, Popescu.



TACKLE DIABETES



PREMIER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

PICTORIAL RECORD

BY GREG BLAKE

Invariably the best grand finals are those which are recalled for their capacity to rouse the passions and incite sheer emotion.

When all the statistical reference points of the big games are consigned to the history books it is always those special contests which stand alone.

Victoria's 1996 Premier League Grand Final was surely one of those games, a

As a tribute to this one special day here is **ABSW's** exclusive pictorial on the Victorian Grand Final, thanks to ace cameraman **Joe Sabljak**.

dramatic piece of theatre played out in front of a spell bound crowd at the Bob Jane Stadium.

This special chapter in Premier League history will merely tell us that Altona Magic repeated as champions of the state for the first time since Croydon went back to back a decade ago.

The numbers won't tell us that this grand final was the best ever, nor will they be able to colour the stories of a remarkable day made so as equally by gallant but finally vanquished Heidelberg United as by the champs.

It will never do justice to the throbbing energy provided by a near 6,000 crowd, much of

which surely drove both teams to a stirring and nerve-racking finish after 110 minutes of gruelling football.

Adrenalin pumped and with the season on the line both Magic, which led three times only to be pegged back on every occasion, and gutsy Heidelberg provided a dozen glittering memories for the

mental archives.

And at the end of the day the sheer joy of the Magic camp was only completely contrasted in the face of Heidelberg's Brian MacNicol, who won the Jim Rooney Medal for his special individual effort but sadly muffed the critical penalty in the shoot-out.

The stats said the game finished at 3-3 and that Magic won 5-3 on penalties.

Those who were lucky enough to bear witness to the event will tell you that it was



ALTONA MAGIC: Take time out for a group photograph before the **1996 Grand Final** on Sunday September 15, 1996.



Henry Velkovski: In complete control of the ball and ahead of his Heidelberg opponent.



Altona Magic start to celebrate as they gain a third goal off Dean Fak of Heidelberg.



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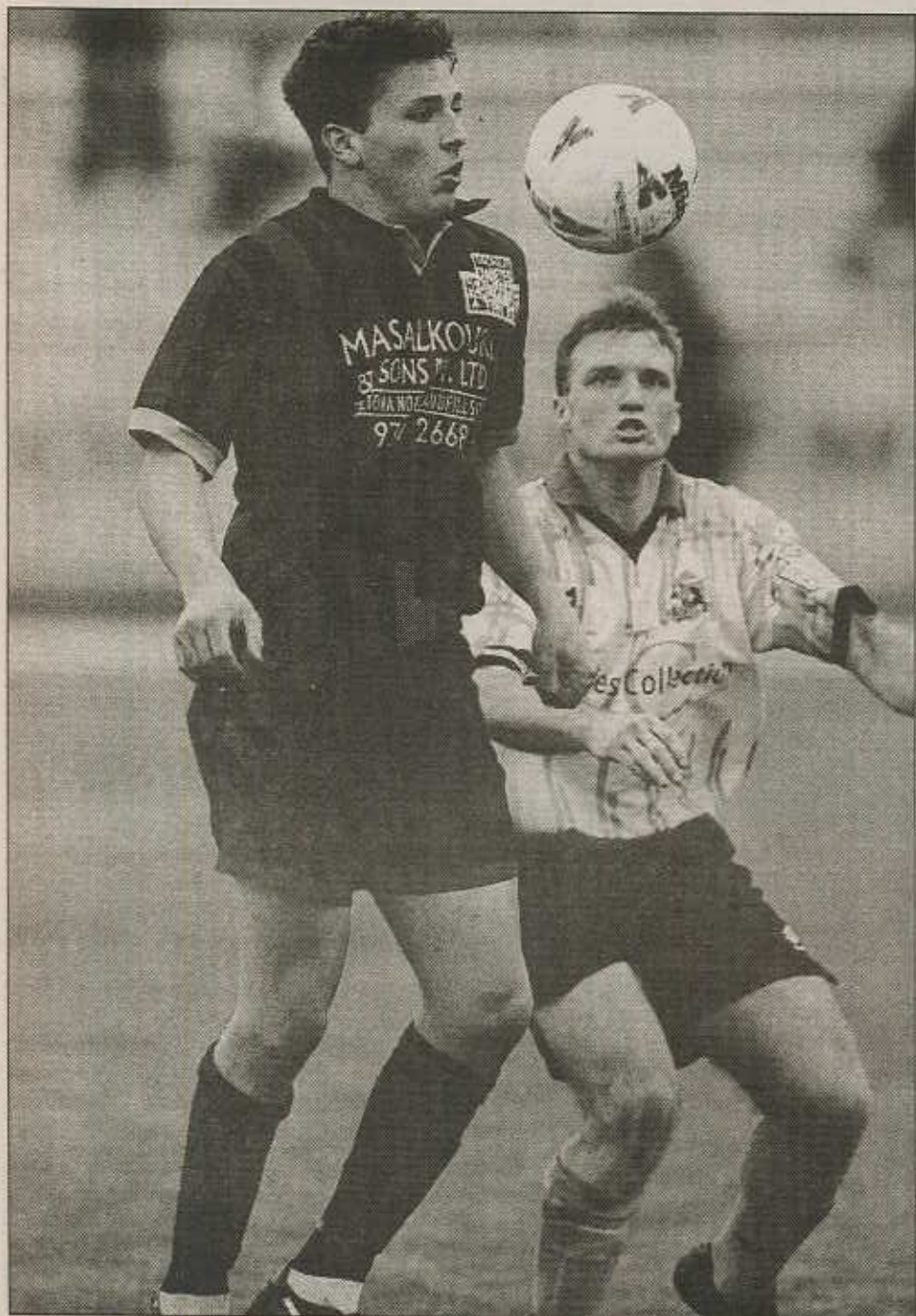


PREMIER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

PICTORIAL RECORD



HEIDELBERG UNITED line up before kick off at Bob Jane Stadium and the 1996 Grand Final.



Altona Magic stood tall in the 1996 Grand Final.



Alan Scott (R): Gets ahead of Altona's Sash Becvinovski.



Ike Alagiozidis: The Bentleigh Greens player holding aloft the Australian & British Soccer Weekly/Pascoe Vale Sports Scene Player of the Year Trophy. He also received a cheque for \$500.



Victorian Ladders



STATE LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

FIRSTS										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PT				
Sp White Eagles	24	16	4	4	51	24	52			
Richmond	25	14	9	2	52	28	51			
Preston Lions	25	14	8	3	41	17	50			
West Suburbs	25	11	7	7	32	25	40			
Kings City	25	9	12	4	34	28	39			
Lalor Utd	25	10	7	8	57	42	37			
Westgate	25	10	6	9	45	45	36			
Moorabbin City	25	9	7	9	35	32	34			
C'don City Dons	25	8	7	10	43	34	31			
Don'ster Rovers	25	7	10	8	32	35	31			
Werribee City	25	8	6	11	34	29	30			
Broadmeadows	25	6	2	17	25	64	20			
Northcote City	24	4	7	13	22	40	19			
Glen Eira City	25	1	2	22	15	73	5			

STATE LEAGUE — DIVISION 1

FIRSTS										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PT				
Sp White Eagles	26	17	4	5	56	27	55			
Preston Lions	26	15	8	3	46	17	53			
Richmond	26	14	10	2	54	30	52			
West Suburbs	26	11	8	7	33	26	41			
Kings City	26	9	13	4	36	30	40			
Lalor Utd	26	10	8	8	50	43	38			
Westgate	26	10	7	9	47	47	37			
Moorabbin City	26	9	8	9	35	34	35			
Werribee City	26	9	6	11	37	30	33			
C'don City Dons	26	8	7	11	43	36	31			
Don'ster Rovers	26	7	10	9	33	38	31			
Broadmeadows	26	7	2	17	28	66	23			
Northcote City	26	5	7	14	24	43	22			
Glen Eira City	26	1	2	23	15	78	5			

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Richmond	25	18	4	3	73	25	58
Preston	23	18	2	3	62	22	56
Moorabbin City	25	13	7	5	59	30	46
Don'ster Rovers	26	14	3	9	51	35	45
Werribee City	26	13	6	7	47	40	45
Kings City	26	13	3	10	62	39	42
Lalor United	26	13	2	11	59	42	41
Croydon City	24	12	3	9	49	36	39
Sp White Eagles	25	9	4	12	51	50	31
Glen Eira City	26	7	4	15	37	65	25
West Suburbs	26	6	5	15	40	62	23
Northcote City	24	6	4	14	21	25	22
Westgate	26	6	1	19	30	77	19
Broadmeadows	26	2	6	18	24	67	12

STATE LEAGUE — DIVISION 2

FIRSTS										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PT				
Westvale	26	23	1	2	97	25	67			
Sth Dandenong	26	17	4	5	62	30	55			
Altona East	26	15	5	6	51	35	50			
Waverley City	26	10	7	9	67	62	37			
Ess Brun Royals	26	10	7	9	26	28	37			
Altona City	26	10	6	10	38	25	36			
Knox City	26	8	9	9	42	48	33			
Frankston Pines	26	7	10	9	32	37	31			
East Richmond	26	8	6	12	45	49	30			
Oakland	26	6	9	11	37	58	27			
Regent Bulla	26	5	11	10	28	44	26			
Bell Park	26	6	6	14	31	45	24			
Mooroolbark	26	5	6	15	32	56	21			
Nunawading City	26	4	9	13	26	67	21			

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Frankston Pines	25	18	3	4	62	24	57
Waverley City	26	17	2	7	78	40	53
Altona City	26	16	3	7	59	32	51
Westvale	26	16	5	5	66	40	50
Ess Brun Royals	26	13	4	9	59	31	43
East Richmond	26	10	8	8	46	34	38
Knox City	26	9	8	9	55	46	35
Mooroolbark	26	8	10	8	41	47	34
Oakland	26	9	3	14	61	53	30
Altona East	25	8	6	11	42	48	30
Regent Bulla	25	9	1	15	46	74	28
Nunawading City	26	6	4	16	48	65	22

STATE LEAGUE — DIVISION 3

FIRSTS										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PT				
Frankston	25	19	2	4	76	29	59			
Ringwood City	26	17	5	4	73	26	56			
Sth Springvale	26	14	7	5	57	30	49			
Dia Valley Utd	26	13	4	9	38	35	43			
Fitzroy City	26	12	5	9	46	35	41			
Cranbourne	26	12	5	9	41	32	41			
Pascoe Vale	26	9	8	9	37	39	35			
Sth Caulfield	25	10	5	10	42	42	32			
Melb City	26	8	7	11	38	43	31			
Sth Werribee	26	6	9	11	41	46	27			
Banyule	26	6	8	12	37	57	26			
Keilor Eagles	26	5	10	11	21	34	25			
Chelsea	26	6	6	14	41	86	24			
Clifton Hill	26	1	5	20	20	74	8			

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ringwood City	25	22	1	2	109	19	67
Cranbourne	26	20	4	2	105	23	64
Keilor Eagles	26	17	5	4	73	36	56
Fitzroy City	25	13	5	7	77	52	44
Sth Springvale	25	12	7	6	57	27	43
Dia Valley Utd	25	12	4	9	60	49	40
Melb City	26	11	6	9	56	48	39
Frankston	24	11	5	8	85	42	38
Pascoe Vale	25	8	3	14	46	61	27
Sth Werribee	26	7	4	15	50	99	25
Banyule	26	7	3	16	55	84	24
Sth Caulfield	25	5	7	13	30	49	19
Chelsea	26	4	2	20	33	105	14
Clifton Hill	26	0	2	24	13	151	2

STATE LEAGUE — DIVISION 4

FIRSTS										
P	W	D	L	F	A	PT				
Geelong	26	16	7	3	60	30	55			
Nth Coburg Utd	26	17	3	6	71	38	54			
Yarraville	26	16	6	4	56	29	54			
Sun Heights	26	15	3	8	55	27	48			
Stonnington	25	14	5	6	53	32	47			
Langwarrin	26	10	6	10	56	41	36			
Sunbury Utd	26	9	7	10	35	38	34			
Lalor	26	9	6	11	44	41	33			
Seaford Utd	26	9	5	12	39	47	32			
Monbulk	25	7	9	9	32	33	30			
Moreland City	26	8	4	14	40	53	28			
Corio	26	7	5	14	29	58	26			
Williamstown	26	4	6	16	28	61	18			
San'ham City	26	3	2	21	23	93	11			

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin	25	19	3	3	86	28	60
Sun Heights	26	17	6	3	79	17	57
Lalor	26	15	7	4	64	34	52
Sunbury Utd	26	15	4	7	41	31	49
Yarraville	26	11	9	6	65	38	42
Stonnington	25	12	4	9	51	39	40
Seaford Utd	26	10	8	8	60	43	38
Nth Coburg Utd	26	10	4	12	63	77	34
Moreland City	26	10	3	13	48	49	33
Monbulk	26	5	7	14	27	51	22
Corio	26	5	7	14	33	80	22
Geelong	26	3	7	14	33	80	22
San'ham City	26	6	1	19	36	88	19
Williamstown	26	3	6	17	32	81	15

PROV LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

FIRSTS							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Geel Rangers	25	19	3	3	69	23	60
Keysborough	23	18	1	4	62	18	55
Melton	25	11	9	8	39	24	42
Sth Wantirna	23	13	2	8	54	32	41
Knox Park	24	12	4	8	51	34	40
Sp'vale Condors	23	10	8	5	42	38	35
Nth Sunshine	23	10	3	10	44	39	33
Mitcham Utd	21	10	1	10	41	35	31
Old Scotch-Haw	25	8	5	12	36	36	29
Doveton	24	7	7	10	26	33	28
Ballarat	24	6	4	14	24	47	27



WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAR



GREEN BACKS N.T. FOR FINAL

The Northern Territory State Team is expecting big things in the National Championship this week, according to team member and former Australian player Nicole Green.

Playing in the heat and humidity of Darwin will be of huge advantage to the home state, the rest of the opposition coming straight out of their winter season.

26 year old Green is determined to do her utmost in working towards what would be the upset of the decade. Bitter and dejected after disappointments at National Team level, she holds this target as her one remaining ambition in soccer.

A GIRL FROM ALICE

Green hails from Alice Springs, the centre of the continent and far remote from any capital city, including Darwin. 1500 kilometres or a day and a half's drive to Darwin, a fact she gets tired of explaining to everyone. The midfielder works as a horticulturist for Alice Springs Council.

Named in National Junior and Youth Squads since 1985 at the age of fifteen, the girl from the outback clearly showed promise. She missed out however on a place in the first Youth Team to play in the Dallas Cup in 1987.

Then in 1989 as a member of the Youth squad, Green was called into the Australian B Team to contest the 3rd Oceania Cup in Brisbane.

After this introduction to international football, Green sadly fell back into the shadows, with Northern Territory not competing at the Nationals for three years.

Finally a comeback for the Territory for the 1993 Championship in Perth saw a return for Green.

Her subsequent performances in Perth proved she hadn't lost her touch, impressing then National Coach John Reid sufficiently for him to name her in the new Australian Squad. "It was the biggest shock getting selected again," said Green. "I had never really been in the senior team before, only the Youth. It was a big jump."

The going was certainly a



Katrina Boyd: Must be hoping to score more for NSW.



Cyndy Doyle (L): Shows her electric style which will be a vital commodity in the senior championships.

challenge for Green, having to rely on her own resources and motivation by herself back in Alice Springs. With women's soccer no longer existent in the town, and the men in off-season, Green was forced to train on her own.

In April 1994, seven months since selection, the Squad was split again into two teams, this time to take on Russia on Queensland's Gold Coast. Green was again named in the B Team, for what was Australia's first taste of international competition in three years.

"I was still young in the head," said Green. "Meaning at age 24, I had only played a bit at this level. It was all very new to me, physically and mentally."

Green and the B team went on to draw against Australia A, as they had also done back in 1989 in Brisbane. And after a 5-0 loss to the Russian outfit, they then improved to go down by just the one goal in the return match.

After the Russian experience, there was the 1994 National titles in Melbourne.

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WORLD CUP

"Looking at how we went [at the World Cup in Sweden], it was unfortunate women's soccer could've really gone somewhere. I think we took a step backwards instead. It was all on their shoulders - I think we blew it actually. But that's probably a bit of

bitterness on my part."

But Green is optimistic for the game today and in the future for Australia in general, if not for herself. "Like anyone, I'd like to be fifteen again now. It's great now the way it's run. The younger players get the opportunity to get experience before they're twenty, twenty-five."

Sadly now non-existent, women's soccer was played in Alice Springs for a time. "I started at age twelve, 14 years ago. Mum's friend at work said her daughter wanted to play, and it all started from there. I used to watch the boys, but I didn't know girls played. There were four teams here back then."

Then women's soccer faded away, and Green was forced to continue in men's teams. "It's annoying - they don't want to look at you sometimes and pass it to someone else. But I'm not shy in coming forward - I look after myself."

These days, she is the only female left. "The town's pretty good about it. But the guys get cheesed off because I always seem to be in the local paper."

Her team, Alice Olympic, won this year's pre-season and First Grade championship. Green also trains with the men's Alice Springs representative team, and coached her boys Under 14 side to the premiership. "They won their final, then I went off and played my grand final - two wins all in the one day."

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SERIOUS TERRITORY

Widely considered anything but a threat at National Championships, perhaps the others should take the Territory a little more seriously this year. On close examination, the NT outfit has an amazing number of former senior and youth internationals, along with of course current Aussie captain Sarah Cooper.

Andy Martin, one of Australia's best ever defenders, was first recognised as a top player in the mid-70s and played in the green and gold in 1983 and 1986. Formerly from Victoria, veteran Martin now lives in Darwin. Vangi Boubaris and Janice Brett both played for the Australian Youth Team in the 1989 tour of New Zealand. Add Cooper, Green and Dyer, and you have a team of some talent.

"I think we should go really well," said Green. "I'll be disappointed if we don't make the final. Usually it's us that goes away and I can handle the cold. In winter it's freezing in Alice, but it's hard for the Darwin girls. This year, instead of us suffering, it's a good job the eight other States will be doing the suffering. It will be a big factor, plus we only get the chance once every ten years. Also moneywise, a lot of the

others are missing key players, so hopefully we can turn the tide just once.

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RIVALRY

Despite the lack of regular competition, Green tries to get together a Alice Springs team each year to compete against fierce rivals Darwin, one such event which she places at the top of her soccer memories. "This may sound strange, but my highlight was when I captain/coached the Alice Springs rep team and beat Darwin. It was 1992 in Mt Isa, and we hadn't beaten them in ten years. The rivalry between the two is unbelievable. Considering we don't even have women's soccer, we do alright."

It remains to be seen whether Green's dream of NT success will come to fruition, but it won't be through lack of determination.

"It would top everything off to finish in the top two at the Nationals. And if I got reselected, that would be sorta excellent, and I might start thinking I could do it all again, I don't know."



AUSTRALIAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Venue	1st	2nd	Other Competing States
1974	Sydney	NSW	NNSW	WA SQ VIC
1975	Brisbane	WA	SQ	NSW VIC NNSW NT
1976	Melbourne	NSW	VIC	WA SQ NNSW NT
1977	Perth	NSW	SQ	WA VIC NNSW NT
1978	Newcastle	WA	NSW	SQ VIC NNSW NT
1979	Darwin	NSW	VIC	WA SA NNSW SQ NT
1980	Adelaide	NSW	NNSW	SA SQ WA VIC NT ACT TAS
1981	Sydney	NSW	SQ	WA SA NT NNSW VIC ACT TAS
1982	Brisbane	SQ	NNSW	WA NSW NQ SA VIC NT ACT TAS
1983	Perth	NSW	SQ	WA NNSW NT TAS VIC ACT
1984	Canberra	SQ	SA	NSW VIC NNSW WA ACT TAS NT
1985	Melbourne	NSW	SQ	VIC NNSW SA WA TAS ACT NT
1986	Adelaide	NSW	SQ	NNSW VIC ACT SA TAS NT
1987	Alice Springs		VIC	NNSW SQ ACT SA WA NT TAS
1988	Newcastle	NSW	SQ	NNSW VIC SA ACT WA TAS
1989	Canberra	VIC	SQ	NSW SA WA ACT NNSW TAS
1990	Sydney	NSW	NNSW	SQ WA ACT VIC SA
1991	Canberra	SQ	NSW	VIC SA ACT NNSW WA TAS
1992	Brisbane	VIC	QLD	NNSW NSW ACT SA WA TAS
1993	Perth	NSW	QLD	WA SA VIC NT ACT NNSW TAS
1994	Melbourne	NSW	VIC	QLD WA NNSW NT ACT SA
1995	Adelaide	NSW	QLD	VIC WA NNSW SA ACT NT TAS

NATS WORKSHOP

The future of National Championships and competition will be discussed in what has been termed the National Championship workshop.

Held during the titles, the concept originated from the recent AWSA Development Seminar. Delegates from each State will join the AWSA Board for talks on this topic.



ACT READY FOR HEAT

The ACT outfit has certainly put in some serious effort in preparing for the Darwin conditions to contest the current Nationals.

Armed with the prototype ice vests that went on to prove such a success at the Atlanta Olympics, the ACT girls will have a decided advantage in their quest for success. But they did not have to wait until their arrival in Darwin to acclimatise for the heat.

Taking advantage of the fantastic resources at

Canberra's Australian Institute of Sport, the side has been training in heat chambers for the last two weeks. Under the direction of physiologist Doug Tumilty, the chamber was set at 32 degrees Celsius and 70% humidity, the conditions expected at 10.00am in Darwin for this time of year.

Players were required to workout on either the treadmill or exercise bike under a set timed regime of cruising and sprinting, then rotating to the other

equipment. Continuing for a period of thirty minutes, the players were allowed to rest in the heat with the vest, before repeating the whole process again.

If that wasn't enough, the team then put on their boots for a training session immediately after, to help increase concentration in a hot, exhausted state.

Watch out the other Territory - matching it in the heat stakes.

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CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

AWSA has adopted a new system of awards to be made at each of the three National Championships from this year. No longer will the Australian Squad be named at the conclusion of the tournament.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

This award is voted by the players and team officials. As the title depicts, each player and team official will vote for their most valuable player for the tournament. Each player will allocate three points for their most valuable player, and two and one points for their subsequent picks. Players must not vote for a player from their own state. The Most Valuable Player

will receive a personal trophy as well as an attractive perpetual trophy to keep for the year.

1996 SENIOR ALL STAR TEAM

Eleven players will be selected for the 1996 Senior All Star Team on the basis of their performances at this year's National Team Program, nor should it be confused with being a national team. It is purely a team selected, with players allocated to positions, on the basis of performances at the Championships. This team will be selected by a committee comprising the National Coach and the State Coaches. Players will receive a polo-shirt and a photograph of the 1996 Senior All Star

Team.

FAIR PLAY AWARD

This award is based loosely on the FIFA Fair Play Award, featured in FIFA's World Cup and Olympic Tournaments. Four criteria are considered in the calculation of this award:

1. Yellow and red cards; 2. Respect towards the opponent; 3. Respect towards the referee; 4. Behaviour of team officials.

This award is monitored, judged and calculated by a committee consisting of members of the AWSA Board and the Organising Committee.

The Fair Play Award replaces the former CAPS Award (no longer presented) and a shield will be presented to the winning team.



SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHART —



The 1997 COPA AMERICA without SPAIN & PORTUGAL



Enzo Francescoli: Returns to the fold with Uruguay.

The 1997 edition of the Copa America, to be held in Bolivia, will be without the participation of Spain and Portugal who had been invited as guests.

The CSF also sent invitations to the federations of Mexico and United States. Both nations have participated in the last two

editions of the major South American championship at nations level.

The 1997 Copa America will be played from the 10th to the 29th of June and the competition's draw will be held next December 12 in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.



BOLIVIA WITH NEW COACH

Bolivia will start its build-up preparation for the game against Uruguay, on October 9, under the guidance of its new coach Antonio Lopez.

The return of Enzo Francescoli to the Uruguayan team will be a great boost for the Copa America champions while the absence of Marco Etcheverry and Erwin "Platini Sanchez" won't help Bolivia's chances of victory in Montevideo. Etcheverry is suspended for one match and Sanchez is injured.

Another bit of good news for Uruguayan coach Hector Nunez is the brilliant form of Vicenza's striker Marcelo Otero and Roma's forward Daniel Fonseca.

Uruguay needs a win to keep its chance of qualifying for France '98 alive.

CONMEBOL CUP: RIVER PLATE WINS IN URUGUAY

River Plate, coached by former Uruguayan international star Fernando Morena, thrashed Porongos, also from Uruguay, 6-0, in the South American Conmebol Cup, played at Montevideo's Centenario stadium.

The first leg, played at Porongo's Trinidad stadium, ended in a 2-2 draw.

River Plate dominated the match from the start against a very weak opposition, who rarely crossed the centre of the field during the 90 minutes of play.

Rosello, twice, Do Santos, Curbelo, Lopez and Salazar scored for River.



SUPERCUP: OLYMPIA QUALIFIERS

Olimpia of Paraguay qualified for the South American Supercup second round after its victory over Sao Paulo of Brazil. The Paraguayans, coached by former Uruguayan tactician Luis Cubilla, beat the Brazilians 5-3 on penalties.

The first leg, played in Asuncion, went 2-1 in favour of Olimpia while the return game, played at Sao Paulo's

Morumbi stadium, finished with similar scoreline, this time in favour of the local club.

Aristizabal opened the account for Sao Paulo in the 47th minute and Djair added the second in the 51st.

Two minutes before the end of the match, Samaniego pulled one back for the Paraguayans with a perfect free kick.



ZAMORANO & SALAS THE ONLY "FOREIGNERS" IN CHILE'S SQUAD

Strikers Ivan Zamorano (Inter Milan, Italy) and Marcelo Salas (River Plate, Argentina), are the only two overseas based players considered by Chilean national coach Nelson Acosta for the match against Paraguay, on October 9.

Chile will face Paraguay, in Asuncion, for the South American 1998 World Cup qualifying rounds.



Ivan Zamorano: One of only two overseas-based players picked by Chile.



IN BRIEF

• Former Uruguayan international midfielder, Marcelo Tejera signed for Spanish second division club Logrones.

• Tejera, who played for the Uruguayan U/20, U/23, and senior teams, returned last year to his former club, Defensor Sporting of Uruguay, after a frustrated stint with Boca Juniors of Argentina.

• Another Uruguayan player, who signed with Logrones, is Ruben Sosa, the former Uruguayan International striker who, for the last eight seasons played for Italian and German first division clubs.

• The first casualty in Argentine soccer was San Lorenzo's coach Hector Veira, who resigned after his team 1-0 lost at home, against Banfield for the Argentine league first round.

• According to unfounded rumours, Veria could replace former Argentine International striker, Ramon Diaz, as coach of River Plate.

• Diaz, who took River Plate to win the last edition of the Libertadores Cup, is not very popular with the fans and some club officials.

• Cagliari, coached by Uruguayan tactician Gregorio Perez, signed striker Luis Romero for a reported US\$4 million.

• Romero, who played for Uruguayan champion Penarol of Montevideo, is a member of the Uruguayan national team, coached by Hector Nunez.

• Meanwhile, in Uruguay, Penarol beat arch-rival Nacional 2-1 in the first of five matches to be played between both teams during the local league recess.

• Peruvian striker Flavio Meastri, signed with Spanish club Hercules. Meastri is a

member of the Peruvian national team coached by former local star Juan Carlos Oblitas.

• Former Argentine national coach, Alfio Basile is the most serious candidate to replace Hector Veira as coach of San Lorenzo of Argentina. Basile has been out of work since his resignation as coach of Atletico Madrid, 18 months ago.

• Independiente of Argentina is interested in signing Peruvian international sweeper/midfielder Jose Del Solar.

• Del Solar is currently playing for Spanish team Celta de Vigo.

• The Uruguayan U/20 national team beat a selected side from Valencia, Spain, 4-3, in a friendly international.

• The Colombian U/16 team thrashed Curacao, 7-0, in a game for the International Youth tournament played in Caracas Venezuela, while Bolivia drew 2-2 with Bolivia.

• Striker Dario Scotto, who failed to shine with Boca Juniors, was transferred to Rosario Central, together with defender Rodolfo Arruabarrena.

• Meanwhile Boca's midfielder Diego Sonora went to Dallas Burns of the United States soccer league.

• The biggest surprise in the world of Argentine transfers was an unexpected one, Carlos Mac Allister, who was one of Boca Juniors' most outstanding players, went to Racing Club.

• Some unofficial sources indicated that Mac Allister was sacked by Boca's President Mauricio Macri.

Racing & Argentinos Jrns drew 0-0

Racing Club and Argentinos Juniors, both from Argentina, drew 0-0 in the South American Supercup first qualifying round, at Racing's stadium of Avellaneda.

Racing and Argentinos Juniors are in the same group with Boca Juniors, and the winner of that group will qualify for the second round.



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The jovial man in black, (green, red, yellow etc), the sightless one, the gentleman of dubious parentage and the man who flies solo during sex, all polite terms for the man in the middle, the Referee. Without them the game could not be played, some say with them too, but as the title suggests, we should 'Bless 'Em All'.

Through wind and rain they run up and down pitches, blowing whistles and the like and never once have they been appreciated by either set of supporters but changes are afoot!

As of the opening game of the season in England, July 1st to be exact, the expression 'the linesman' referred to in Law 6 was amended to read 'assistant referee'. That's a cosmetic change in reality and it only applies to those who have passed the regulation

tests etc. but few people have noticed the difference.

Of course, you can still have 'linesmen' but these would come from the ranks of club officials who volunteer their help to a referee.

This creates a neat 'politically correct' paradox since it defeats the reasoning behind the change which was twofold:

1. The International Board, which is responsible for law changes within the game, has indicated: 'The word Linesman does not accurately reflect the tasks of the linesmen who are in fact assistants to the referee. Furthermore, it does not reflect the fact that there are also women who are active in this function.'

2. The 'assistants' are now enabled to officially signal 'Off-side' for the first time, a duty that has always been incredibly omitted!

BLESS 'EM ALL

Previously, only the 'actual' referee had this power of judgement.

For the first time in history, at the Euro '96 Championships this year, the linesmen — as they still were then — had a button placed into the stick of the flags which they could press for whatever reason during a match. The referee wore a connecting armband which picked up the signal and allowed him to refer to his assistant, thus eliminating the possibility of him having missed something that the person on the line had seen. This came about because the biggest problem between officials had been one of communication, one spotting something the other had possibly missed — unsighted or whatever the case may be. Calls now are for matchday officials to carry small walkie-talkies in the professional game leading to shorter stoppages.

Meanwhile, the other 'assistant', or fourth official, has also been recognised as part of the 'official team' by the need to submit a misconduct report of anything seen by him/her which was missed by the other officials.

PENALTY FOR BREACHES OF LAWS

Leading on nicely from there is this year's naughty

boy list, the rules governing the conduct of players on the pitch and what the penalties are: If a player reaches 21 disciplinary points by the last Sunday in November, suspended for three matches; last Sunday in February, suspended for two matches; last Sunday in April, suspended for one match; 21 points by the end of the season, warned about future conduct.

Frequent offenders will receive additional bans. Players who tot up 21 points and go on to collect 33, the FA Code states: 33 points by the last Sunday in March, suspended for two matches; 33 points by the last Sunday in April, suspended for one match; 33 points by the end of the season will be warned about future conduct.

Then we come to the really naughty boys. Any player collecting 45 disciplinary points by season's end will have to appear before the disciplinary commission which can impose further suspension, fines or both.

Suspensions start 14 days after the player's last offence. These cover FA Cup, Premiership and friendly matches and any club attempting to pull a fast one and arrange a friendly match to get a player back into the side quickly, the FA have the right to refuse recognition of the game.

Lastly, any players who

pass 21, 33 or 45 points in the 1996/97 season will have their excess points carried forward to next season. Likewise, players who have part of a suspension outstanding must complete their bans at the start of the new term.

All of this concerns bookings but now we come to players sent off: Second cautionable offence: suspended one match; Serious foul play in relation to goalscoring opportunity: suspended one match; Foul and Abusive language: suspended two matches; Violent conduct or serious foul play: suspended three matches; Players sent-off for a second time in a season: suspended for extra one match. Third time: extra two match suspension; During a suspension, clubs are not allowed to pay their players any more than a basic wage i.e. No Bonuses etc.

The FA can also take action against clubs with consistent offenders. They'll add 10 points to the team total that has players sent off for the second cautionable offence and 12 for a player red carded for any other reason. A club whose players accumulate a large number of penalty points will be called before the disciplinary commission to be warned, fined or both at the commissions discretion.

Any player who should assault a referee can expect to

OFFENCE	PTS
Foul Tackle	4
Dangerous or foul play	4
Shirt Pulling	4
Tripping	4
Showing dissent	4
Persistent infringements	3
Obstruction	3
Encroachment at penalty kick	2
Intentional hand-ball	2
Wasting time	2
Ungentlemanly conduct	2
Entering play without permission	1

be punished under one of three categories although he can also have legal action brought against him by the official: Common Assault — 112 days suspension and a 100 stg fine; Assault causing bodily harm — permanent suspension with no review for a minimum 5 year period plus a 200 stg fine; Assault causing serious bodily harm — permanent suspension.

Referee's must submit reports of cautions and sendings off within two working days of the offence but clubs can appeal against Yellow and Red cards on two grounds: a card being issued mistakenly to the wrong player or for not being merited.

They may also submit evidence — video for example — to the authorities

who pass it to the referee for comment. If the ref admits a mistake, the card will be expunged. If he maintains he's right, the card remains and is recorded officially with all that might entail.

Claims of mistaken identity will be investigated by the disciplinary commission. If they find grounds for fault, the card issued is dismissed and they then try to decide who was responsible for the incident and the card is added to their record.

Of course, points are issued to various actions which make up the disciplinary code and they amount to this:

With so many variables, it's not too difficult to reach the 21 point barrier early in the year but as we always say: *Bless 'em all!*

Club Diary

ARSENAL (NSW) — Monthly meeting at the Greenwood Tree Hotel, Oxford St., Paddington on Saturday 28th September from 4.00pm onwards. Videos etc., all welcome.



RANGERS (NSW) — at the above address on the same evening to watch the Rangers v Celtic match LIVE on the big screen.



Referees and Assistant Referees leave the field. The Referee is still in charge but the Assistants have added responsibility.

Video Review

At the frozen airport in Munich on 6 February 1958, the lives of eight outstanding young footballers were lost, a brilliant team destroyed and a legend born. For most over the age of 40, it was a landmark event, like the Kennedy Assassination, when they recall exactly where they were when they heard the news.

This video vividly recalls the tragic event through the words of the survivors. To those old enough to remember that day, it is a reminder of the tragic waste of young lives and promise unfulfilled. To

the younger generation, it helps to explain why the name of Manchester United has a special place in the affections of football fans the world over.

These lines sum up what the video is all about. I can do no more than recommend it fully to all. Priced at 8.50 stg (inc p+p) and available from: Tracks, 14 Railway St., Hertford, Herts SG14-1BG.

Star Rating ★★★★★
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Clydebank FC

BY STUART JONES

Ground: Kilbowie Park.
Address: Arran Place Clydebank G81 2PB.
Railway Station: Singer (2 minutes walk).
Founded: 1965.
Admitted to League: 1966.
Ground Capacity: 9,950.
Seats: 9,950.
Pitch Size: 110* 68 yards.
Largest Gate: 14,900 vs Hibernian Scottish Cup Rd 1 10th Feb 1965.
Biggest Win: 8-1 vs Arbroath 1st Division 3 January 1977.
Heaviest Defeat: 1-9 vs Gala Fairydean Scot Cup qual rd 15 Sept 1965.
Nickname: The Bankies.
Colours: Red/White/Black.
Honours: League.
 League Second Division: 1975/76.

History: Clydebank Juniors were formed in 1899, and until 1939 this club played at Kilbowie Park. New Kilbowie Park was bought by the junior club in 1937 for 900 pounds. A novelty for the ground in Scotland was rounded goalposts. In 1939 the ground was opened but alas two years later Clydebank was devastated by German bombers. The football ground largely survived although the surroundings were completely destroyed. After a 12 month merger with East Stirlingshire and amidst much controversy E.S. Clydebank became a League club in 1965. A few months later East Stirling won their identity back and Clydebank juniors lost their league status. In 1966, as Clydebank, the club joined the League in its own right. In 1977 the small club made it to the Premier League, a remarkable achievement. The ground is bordered by a railway line on one side a main road and council estate on two others. The trains to Glasgow get a great view of the ground. It was an all seater stadium (mainly bench seats) before most. Unfortunately financial constraints have seen the club fall away in recent years, and many know the club better as the club Wet Wet Wet sponsor.

VAN VOSSEN Adds Two MORE

Substitute Peter Van Vossen scored twice in the second half to help Rangers to a crushing 4-0 Scottish League Cup quarter-final victory over Hibernian last Wednesday.

Dutchman Van Vossen, who replaced the injured Ally McCoist in the 36th minute, scored a fine solo goal, Rangers' second, two minutes after the break.

Former Hibs player Gordon Durie had given the Glasgow club the lead in the 29th minute after being set up by English international Paul Gascoigne.

Van Vossen's second, his seventh of the season, came from close range 10 minutes from time and German Jorg Albertz completed the rout with an explosive 30-metre free kick.

Albertz's goal came after Darren Jackson had blazed an 87th minute penalty over the bar for Hibs.



Weird and Wonderful

Looking at the opening five rounds of the Premier League shows that there are times when you can not afford to be caught napping or you will miss those goals. For example if you get caught in the traffic or miss the beginning of the TV then that's okay. There is only 13% chance of goals being scored in the first 15 minutes. Home fans can afford to be late as the percentage for home teams scoring in the first part of the match is actually 10%. The goals go in slightly more as the half closes to an end. Just after half time if you are caught eating those cold burgers or trying to scoff down the cold tea out the back or are caught in the toilet line that is okay. Only 12% of the goals scored this season have been scored between the 46th and 60th minute. The next 15 minutes sees that percentage rise to 18% (21% for home teams). The last 15 minutes sees the goals fly in. 22% of goals scored this season have come in this time. 23% of goals are scored in this time by the home team. The away team's percentage of their goal's scored in the last 15 minutes is 20%. Dividing that into 5 minute periods show the away team score an outstanding 14% of their overall goals in the last five minutes (compared to 8% for home teams). So don't start off on that long trip home early if you are an away supporter or you'll miss the glory of that late, late winner. It does happen - I was at Kettering when the club secretary of the club had to go off early. They were two down when he left and he predicted Kettering would score before he got to his car. They did of course but what was worse is they scored again - probably before he had his car out of the car park. It finished 2-2.

In terms of penalties the stats pretty much confirmed the wide beliefs held on them. Just looking at the 10 goals converted in the first 6 rounds 70% went to the home team and only 30% of the converted penalties were awarded in the second half. Are referees not swayed by the crowd? Well if they're not then how come the second half is so much cleaner than the first?

Over the season we'll keep an eye out on how these stats are changing. From this survey 120 goals were scored in the first five rounds of the Premier League in England. 62 by home teams 58 by away teams. Overall the home team scored 45% of their goals in the first half and the remainder in the second. The away team split them an even 50-50.

	0-15	16-30	31-45	HT	46-60	61-75	76-90	81-95	96-100	FT
Home	10	19	16	45	11	21	7	8	8	55
Away	16	14	20	50	14	16	3	3	14	50
Total	13	17	18	48	12	18	5	6	11	52

All these goals contrast to the start of Mansfield's home season in 1971-72. It was not until their 10th home game that they actually scored. Mind you in the meantime their away games had seen them produce 8 goals in 11 games. Okay it was not that much but you'd think the home support would be a bit peeved wouldn't you?

Kevin Webber of Wrexham had the happy knack of scoring goals. Always an advantage when you are a striker. Well he did in January 1966 but by February questions were being asked. You see in that time the fans saw him score four goals then 3, 2, then 1, in successive games — and then none at all!

Ravanelli continues to sparkle...

Fabrizio Ravanelli added to his growing reputation by scoring four times as Middlesbrough thrashed Hereford 7-0 in a League Cup second round, first leg tie last week.

The Italian striker took his goal tally for the season to 10 as his multi-national team ran riot, Brazilian pair Emerson and Branco also finding the opposition net.

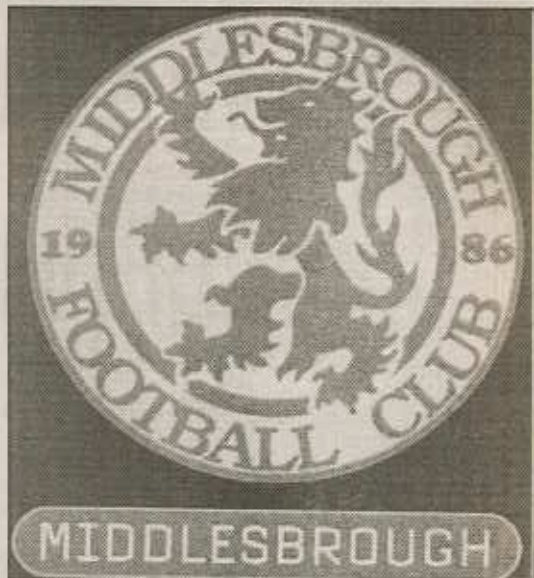
Several premier league sides had much tougher evenings, with Leeds, Everton and Sheffield Wednesday all facing awkward second leg games if they want to progress.

George Graham's frustrating start as Leeds manager continued when third division Darlington held his

side to a 2-2 draw at Elland Road. Everton had to come from behind to scrape a 1-1 draw with York at Goodison. Wednesday was forced to settle for the same scoreline at Oxford.

West Ham was also held to a 1-1 draw at Barnet, a goal from Tony Cottee 12 minutes from the end saving their blushes. Coventry at home left it even later against Midlands neighbours Birmingham.

Only two minutes remained when Liam Daish equalised for Coventry to salvage the night's fourth 1-1 draw.



Manchester United on February 5, 1958 in Belgrade



They played a 3-3 draw with Red Star in the European Cup. Five of these players died (D) a result of the aircraft crash. L-R: Edwards(D), Colman(D), Jones(D), Morgans, Charlton, Viollet, Taylor(D), Foulkes, Gregg, Byrne(D). For a video tribute see review page 21.

UK STORIES

League Cup brings shock win to Lincoln



Third division Lincoln City added to Manchester City's misery with a shock 4-1 English League Cup second round win over the managerless first division club last week.

Luton Town beat premier league Derby County 1-0 in their first leg clash and Tottenham Hotspur were held 1-1 at Preston North End, another second division side.

Manchester City, relegated from the top flight last season and without a major trophy since 1976, looked set for a comfortable outing when German striker Uwe Rosler put them ahead after only four minutes.

Lincoln's Terry Fleming, Steve Holmes, Dutchman Gilbert Bos and Jon Whitney all replied.

Julian James was Luton's hero with a 26th minute winner.

Michael Holt, a close-season free transfer from Blackburn, netted the first goal of his professional career in the last minute as Preston cancelled out Darren Anderton's second minute opener for Tottenham.

Blackburn scraped its first victory of the season with a 2-1 triumph over second division leaders Brentford.

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LIVERPOOL THRASH CHELSEA

Liverpool manager Roy Evans warned his English premier league rivals on Saturday, his side can play even better after demolishing Chelsea 5-1 in their top-of-the-table clash.

Liverpool, who have won five and drawn two of their opening seven matches to lead the table by two points over Newcastle, outclassed Rudd Gullit's team who started the day in third place and were unbeaten themselves.

Robbie Fowler opened the scoring with a cleverly taken header after 15 minutes before man-of-the-match, Czech striker Patrick Berger, playing in place of Stan Collymore, rounded Chelsea keeper Kevin Hitchcock for the second three minutes before half time.

A headed own goal by Andy Myers put Liverpool 3-0 ahead just before the break and further goals by Berger after 49 minutes and John Barnes, whose 57th minute shot took a wicked deflection off Dennis Wise, put Liverpool 5-0 in front.

Frenchman Frank LeBouef

scored a consolation for Chelsea with an 85th minute penalty after Mark Hughes was tripped in the Liverpool box.

Liverpool and Manchester United are now the only teams in the division yet to lose, but the champions slipped from second to fourth after an entertaining 0-0 draw at Aston Villa.

United's plans for their Champions League match against Rapid Vienna on Wednesday were thrown into some confusion as defender Gary Pallister twisted his knee at Villa Park.

United are also banking on goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel recovering from a virus to face Vienna, but Ferguson praised stand-in Raimond Van Der Gouw, making his debut.

Newcastle leapfrogged over Manchester United into second place after their 1-0 win at Leeds United, who had former England defender Carlton Palmer sent off for two bookable offences inside four minutes in the first half.

Alan Shearer, who has now scored 10 times against Leeds

in 11 matches in his career, scored the only goal of the game after 59 minutes as Newcastle chalked up their fifth successive win in cup and league matches.

Arsenal also put their recent troubles further behind them with a 2-0 win at high-flying Middlesbrough.

John Hartson (third) and Ian Wright (27th) scored the goals that gave Arsenal victory and moved them up to third place, a point behind Newcastle and three behind Liverpool.

Blackburn, champions in 1995, stayed bottom still searching for their first win after drawing 1-1 at home with Everton who had Scottish striker Duncan Ferguson sent off near the end.

Greek striker George Donis scored for Blackburn after 32 minutes and David Unsworth equalised five minutes later.

Australian goalkeeper Steve Mautone kept a clean sheet in his Premier League debut for West Ham as they beat Nottingham Forest 2-0.

Mautone played for the Hammers in their 1-1 draw



with Barnet in the Coca-Cola Cup.

The 26-year-old performed with credit as his side, reduced to 10 men when Marc Rieper was sent off early in the second half, continued Forest's dismal run at home.

He pulled off a magnificent flying save from Dutchman Bryan Roy. Mautone played alongside fellow Australian Stan Lazarides in the West Ham side, with the Adelaide centre also having an outstanding match.

Lazarides set up the Hammers' first goal when he made a breakdown the left side before giving the ball to Welsh international Mark Bowen, who headed the opener in the 45th minute.

Southampton manager Graeme Souness has made no secret of his admiration for Robbie Slater, calling the midfielder the bargain of the season when transferred from West Ham a couple of weeks ago.

Dalglish Launches Autobiography

Championship winning coach Kenny Dalglish has ruled out any immediate return to managing a team, admitting he did not 'miss football that badly'.

The double-winning former Liverpool boss, who also captured the championship with Blackburn, was speaking at the launch of 'Dalglish - My Autobiography'.

Dalglish, who resigned as Director of Football at Blackburn a month ago, said: "I am not in a desperate hurry to get back into football. If it was right for myself I would do it."

"I am perfectly relaxed about whether I get a job. I

want to be involved in football but whether it is in management or something else, who knows? I have not got an advertisement out for a job."

"I still enjoy going to matches. But I don't miss football that badly," he added.

Dalglish expressed his sadness at the plight of Rovers at the bottom of the Premiership now, with pressure on his former assistant Ray Harford.

"It certainly doesn't give me any pleasure to see Blackburn in that position or Ray getting the criticism in the papers. He contributed a lot to the success we had."



Kenny Dalglish: Doesn't miss football enough to want to get back into management.

MULTI LINGUAL MANAGER ADVOCATES DISCIPLINE

Arsenal's new French manager Arsene Wenger paid a flying visit to Highbury today and immediately denied he was taking over a club in crisis.

Wenger, 47, who officially takes control on September 30, said he had read all the stories concerning the problems at the club but thought they had been greatly exaggerated, although he agreed there had been plenty of turmoil.

"The board are strong and united and know exactly what they want to do, and the team are playing very well," he said.

"I think the crisis might have been around the club - not inside the club."

But Wenger knows Arsenal have been making as many headlines off the pitch as they have been making on it.

The club has also been widely condemned for the way it sacked

previous manager Bruce Rioch just five days before the start of the season.

Wenger, who meets the players for the first time this week will accompany the team when they visit Germany for the return leg of the UEFA Cup match against Borussia Moenchengladbach on Tuesday.

He is fluent in French, German, English, Italian, Spanish and speaks some Japanese also, saying he intended to impose discipline



Arsene Wenger: Ready to move in to Highbury with a brand new approach.

on the club.

Over the past 10 years Arsenal have won all the major honours in England, but they have also been involved in some major off-field scandals, including the illegal payments affair which led to manager at the time George Graham, leaving the club nearly two years ago.

Wenger said: "I believe in strong discipline but the strongest discipline is when players understand what the coach is trying to do."

"But today success on the field depends on discipline

both on the field and off it."

Wenger said he was offered the job at the beginning of August but could not join Arsenal immediately until his current Japanese club, Grampus Eight, had found a suitable replacement.

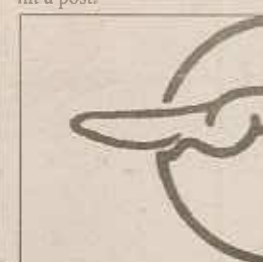
His revelation was intriguing as Rioch was not sacked by Arsenal until August 12.

Wenger is only the fourth overseas coach ever appointed to manage a senior English club.

Leicester Shock Spurs

A 86th minute header from substitute Ian Marshall gave newly-promoted Leicester City their first away victory in the English premier league this season when they won 2-1 at injury-hit Tottenham on Sunday.

Leicester were inspired by 18-year-old Emile Heskey who terrorised the Tottenham defence all afternoon, made the first goal for striker Steve Claridge after 22 minutes, earned Leicester's (missed) second half penalty and also hit a post.



Claridge, who scored with a left foot shot at the far post injured himself in the process and was replaced by Marshall, a recent signing from Ipswich, whose winner, from a Garry Parker corner, was his first goal for the club.

Tottenham, who have yet to win at home this season having drawn two and lost two of their four opening games, had equalised when Clive Wilson scored from a 64th minute penalty, awarded after Spencer Prior had upended their emergency striker Sol Campbell.

Campbell, playing up front with young reserve Rory Allen in the absence of the injured Teddy Sheringham and Chris Armstrong, had several chances.

But Tottenham, also missing three other injured first team regulars, were never able to dominate.

Eight minutes before Tottenham's goal, Leicester seemed to have blown a great opportunity to make the game safe when skipper Steve Walsh's low hard penalty was saved by Ian Walker.

Leicester manager Martin

O'Neill said: "I've got to admit I thought we deserved to win but if we'd have lost it I think I would have committed suicide."

"I thought when we missed the penalty and hit the post it was going to be one of those afternoons, but I am delighted we won. Emile was outstanding. To tell you the truth I'm not convinced he's only 18."

Leicester have now moved away from the foot of the table to join Tottenham on eight points from seven matches.

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